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Stanley Barracks IncidentDISASTROUS
FLOODS IN
THE TRANSVAAL

Johannesburg, To-day.
Disastrous floods in the Transvaal yesterday were sweeping over the town of Barbeton.

Up till last evening, 40 persons were reported drowned, but this figure may increase in the course of the night as the water is still rising.

Rescue work is encountering great difficulty.

Danger of starvation, moreover, is great, as the town is, in parts, completely submerged. Barbeton is about 40 kms. north of the Lomati river and 280 kms. east of Pretoria. —Trans-Ocean.

OFFER TO DUKE
OF WINDSOR:

London, To-day.

An American organisation called "The Friends of the Duke of Windsor," has decided to cable the Duke saying they have appointed him:

"First Secretary of Peace to the Democracies of the World—an Ambassador at Large, a Salesman of Goodwill, the Representative of the Friends of Humanity."

Mrs. Chanler, President remarked that no one in the organisation had ever seen the Duke, but they all felt that their friendly sentiments towards him "are alive in the breasts of countless men throughout the United States and are burning like little lights obscure and unrecognised."

WORST AIR RAID
OF CIVIL WAR

London, To-day.

According to reports received here, Madrid yesterday suffered the worst air raid of the entire Civil war.

An unusually large number of Nationalist planes appeared over the city, dropping approximately 120 bombs. Only 16 were killed and 80 wounded as far as can be ascertained at present. —Trans-Ocean.

An incident in a barrack-room at Stanley on January 10 in which an officer and a bombardier were involved, had a further development this morning when Captain D. L. S. Northcote, Royal Artillery, appeared before a Court-Martial.

The court comprised Col. E. S. White, D.S.O., President, Lieut. Col. M. S. Teversham, of the Rajputana Rifles, Major G. S. Rawstone, and Major R. M. V. Denton, Royal Artillery.

Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., was that Whitehead broke the fight, judge Advocate.

Captain Northcote was charged with striking Gunner Whitehead then Bombardier Whitehead, in the Barrack room at Stanley.

Mr. G. S. Hugh Jones was for the prosecution while Mr. H. J. Armstrong appeared for Captain Northcote.

STRUCK WHILE HELD,
ALLEGES PROSECUTION

Opening the case, Mr. Hugh Jones said that at about 10.30 a.m. on January 10, the accused, and B. S. M. Goody went to No. 6, Barrack room, Stanley, to inspect kit. Bombardier Whitehead and others were to lay out their kit, Captain Northcote went to Whitehead's bed and stood at the other side. Accused pointed out that the kit was deficient. Some remarks were passed, after which Whitehead struck the captain forcibly several times. As a result, Captain Northcote fell on the adjoining bed. Whitehead slipped and his head fell into Captain Northcote's lap. Blows were exchanged. The case for the prosecution was

and stood up, but accused got up and struck Whitehead, not in self-defence.

All this happened in a very short space of time. At the time when Whitehead was struck he was being held by two other gunners, who would be brought in as witnesses.

"NOT THREATENING"

His arms were fully extended and he was held by the two men, who had grasped his arms tightly. Whitehead had not assumed a threatening attitude.

Gunner Whitehead, who had been dealt with at a previous court martial, then gave evidence. He stated that Captain Northcote told him that he was a pair of slacks, short and told the B.S.M. to put him down for a pair. After that, the captain said: "I see you are going to the Seaforth, but you will have to be a better soldier." "The B.S.M. told him to stand to attention and he replied "O.K." He turned

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EVIAN
COMMITTEE
SURPRISE

London, To-day.

The diplomatic correspondent of "The Times" understands that Mr. George Rublee, director of his post and returning to America, the Evian Committee, is resigning. The memorandum which he brought from Germany was discussed last night at an informal meeting of the Chairman's Subcommittee of the Evian Committee. —Reuter.

SERIOUS RIOTS
AT KHANPUR

London, To-day.

Serious disturbances bringing all business places to a standstill have broken out in Khanpur, a city of a quarter of a million inhabitants, according to reports from Bombay. Conflicts have occurred between Moslems and Hindus beginning on Saturday and continuing over into Sunday.

According to reports received so far, 16 persons have been killed and over 150 injured. Criminal elements used the religious dispute to plunder. —Trans-Ocean.

POLITICAL CLASH
AT BAYONNE

Paris, To-day.

Political clashes occurred yesterday in Bayonne at a meeting of M. Doriot's Social Party.

Despite careful examination at the entrances, several agitators managed to enter, and shots were fired during M. Doriot's speech, wounding two of his followers. M. Doriot's sympathisers, however, in the end, gained the upper hand in hand-to-hand fighting. —Trans-Ocean.

OVER 100 BURMA
CASUALTIES

Rangoon, To-day.

Some 28 persons were killed and 82 injured during the riots in Burma, according to a statement issued by the police authorities. All windows of the Excelsior Hotel in the centre of the city were smashed by a bomb explosion yesterday. —Trans-Ocean.

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March Of A Dictator



Mr. Chamberlain recently went to Rome to seek a deal with Mussolini. What kind of man did he encounter there? Here is the first chapter in the story of the Italian Dictator, his origins, his adventures, his character, his ambitions.

Mussolini is a peasant. The approved picture of the Dictator, Stripped to the belt, sweating in the cornfield among the petty farmers and farm hands of the reclaimed Pontine marshes is less fake publicity than any that has attended the ballyhoo of *Il Duce*. This man loves the land. He could eat the good earth.

Herein lies the brutal force of Mussolini, his greed, his cunning, his courage, his realism and tenacity, his meanness.

Mussolini comes from the Romagna region of Middle Italy, famed for the clanlike turbulence and violence of its people.

At the French Revolution the Romagna was a home of extreme Jacobin sympathisers; under the conqueror Napoleon the centre of the patriotic, secret, murderous Carbonari; in the period of Bourbon and Habsburg reaction the hearth of republicanism under the Italian Liberal Monarchy the stronghold of anarchism and revolutionary Socialism.

THE RED BLACKSMITH

Alessandro Mussolini, blacksmith, was the father of the Fascist Dictator who this week greets the Prime Minister of Britain in emperor's state at Rome. He, also, was a peasant son with his nose hard upon the soil.

To-day *Il Duce*, with an ancestral vanity of which he who hammered his own fortune is himself half ashamed, purports to trace his line from Giovanni Mussolini, tyrant of the commune of Bologna in 1270.

In the parts of Wales and Ireland yet unsullied by the ruthless march of industrialist exploitation, with its rise and fall of families within three generations, you will find the same ancient pride of genealogy among the poorest shepherds and cottars. They likewise claim descent from Prince Owain Glyndwr and King Brian Boru. Who shall disprove them? These were prolific princes.

Life was harsh in peasant Italy when Mussolini was born. These were the days when modern Italian capitalism was in its birth pangs. The drag of the towns upon the countryside had begun, farm prices had collapsed, the bankrupt great estates were breaking up, evictions enforced by soldiery daily re-enacted in Italy the bitter and sometimes bloody scenes of rural Ireland a generation earlier.

Watching the pitiful pageant of the homeless peasants as they tramped

the roads, in moving words the self-taught blacksmith wrote: "O pity the wretched pariahs of society, lean, pale, sickly, that pass our own poor doors. A worm-eaten box, a straw mattress, two bed stools and a few other worthless trifles make up the equipment of a tortured family. The father, sad and silent, precedes his humble conveyance. His wife carries a baby in a little basket; the other children, barefooted and meagrely dressed cling to her petticoat. Scanty, unwholesome food makes them faint and ill. Unfortunate souls! This fate is reserved not only for poor farm hands but for tenant farmers. It will last just so long as people fail to learn the new gospel of revolt, the regeneration of human society."

Thus Alessandro, father of Mussolini. He was at first the most furious anarchist in the red Romagna believing in the violent destruction of all forms of government.

Later in life he changed. Events, not theories, moulded him as they were to mould and change his son. He came to understand that even strikes and riots needed organising. Alessandro gave up Anarchy—the theory of no government. He took up the idea of Communism—of government so all-embracing that no private interest could stand against it. Blacksmith Alessandro became the most violent Communist in the Romagna.

Mussolini, his son, he named Benito Amilcare Andrea, after Benito Juarez, the Mexican peon revolutionary; after Amilcare Cipriani, a Romagna anarchist; after Andrea Costa, a Romagna Socialist.

Father Alessandro was forever in trouble with the authorities, often in gaol suffering for his opinions. But among his own people he was respected. He founded a village co-operative and he became Mayor of Predappio. Mussolini has described him in his own autobiography.

"The blacksmith was a heavy man with large powerful, fleshy hands, darkhaired good natured, not slow to laugh, with strong features and steady gaze. His intense sympathies mingled with doctrine and causes. He discussed them in the evening with his friends and his eyes filled with light. So come and go men whose minds and souls are resolute for good ends. Each conference seems to them to touch the fate of the world each talisman seems to promise its salvation each theory pretends to immortality."

EXPULSED FROM SCHOOL

When his father died, in 1910, Mussolini, then the 27-year-old editor of *Avanti*, the most inflammatory Socialist newspaper in Italy, paid him a moving and majestic tribute. Alessandro, he wrote, left us nothing of

worldly wealth; of spiritual goods he bequeathed a treasure: an Idea. Sadly, his son concluded, "The period of mourning is over." Resolutely, he added, "Life must go on its way with all its rights."

Mussolini loved his mother, Rosa, and, like Napoleon, he feared her. She was the Dictator in the household. He hid from her the scars and bruises of his schoolboy fights. He was afraid at supper time to stretch out his hand for bread lest he should expose to her a new wound upon his wrist.

The family meal was modest. Week-days they ate vegetable soup for lunch and plain chicory for dinner. Sundays they had mutton broth. All dipped in a common bowl. Mussolini's sparing habits—he does not drink or smoke and eats almost no meat—are the legacy of his hard youth.

Mussolini was born on Sunday, July 29, 1883 at a tiny hamlet called Varano di Costa, overhanging the village of Dovia in the county of Predappio, which in turn looks down on the lovely plain of Forlì, a land of vines and clear springs and castles, testifying the eternal beauty and fertility of Italy and its sporadic power.

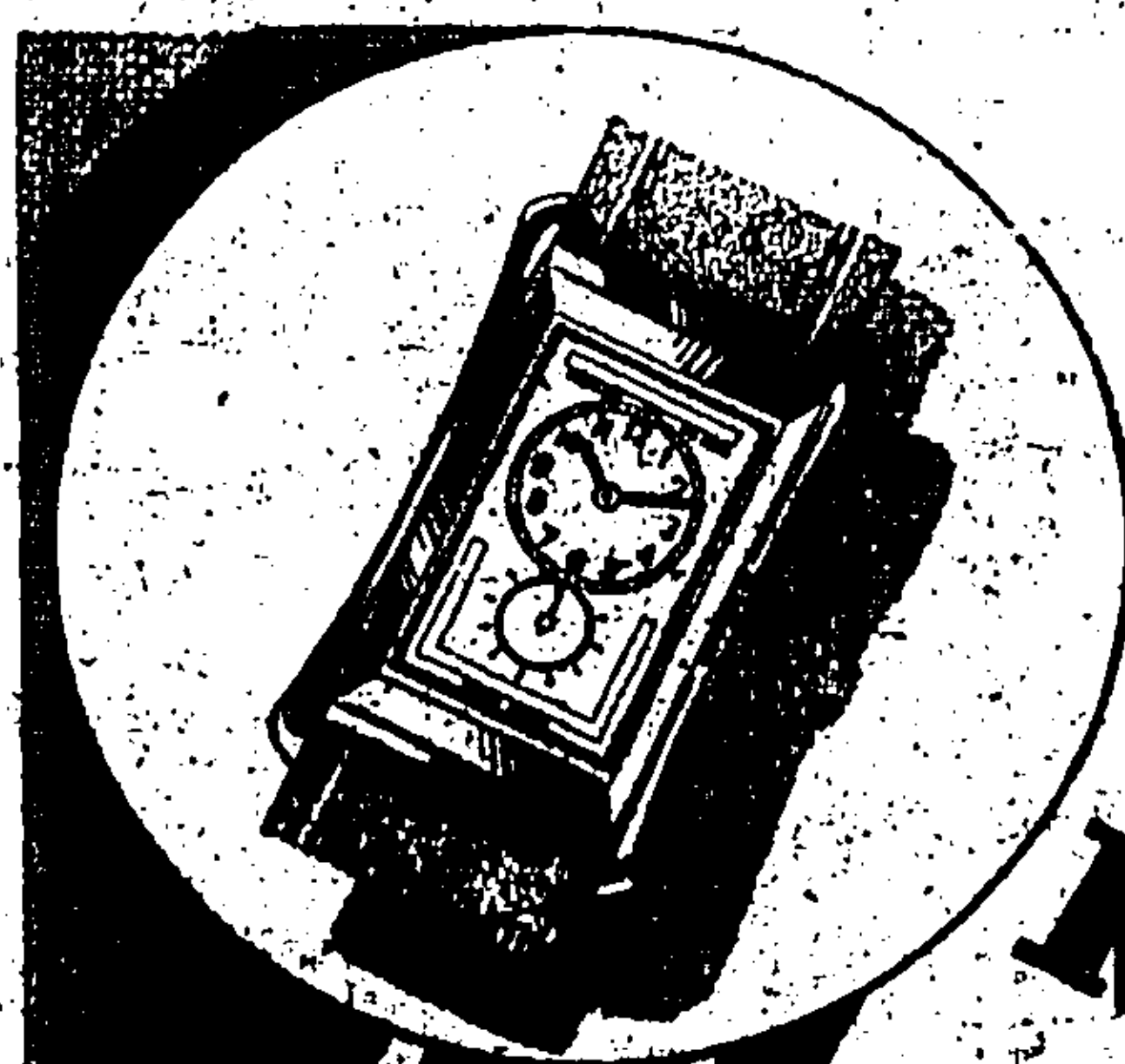
The Mussolinis went to live in a two-roomed apartment in an old building in Dovia. Benito Mussolini slept with his brother Arnaldo, the future editor of *Il Popolo d'Italia*. His sister Edvige slept with her parents. In a third room Rosa Mussolini kept a day school. Furniture was sparse, and in winter the grate was bare. The Mussolinis were glad to go to bed to forget hunger and to get warm.

Rosa was devout. Often she prayed for her husband. More often for wayward son. And, like Ekaterina, Josef Stalin's mother, she wanted her son to be a priest. She suffered the same disappointment; for, like Stalin, Mussolini was expelled from the church school to which he had been sent. He stabbed a school-fellow with a knife. "I was not a good boy," he confesses. "I was then a restless being: I am still."

His very first venture into the world beyond his home was a little civil war, if we are to believe his own account. He had to attend school in a village two miles off. According to him the boys there resented the stranger and threw stones at him. He threw one back which nearly killed the ringleader. However, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald used to tell this same story about himself.

Once Mussolini stole some decoy birds and, chased by the owner, swam the river in flood. He stood in the swelling tributary streams in winter and built himself dams, like a beaver. He loved tracking down the birds and wept when he was sent away to school and had to leave behind him a gold-finch in a cage.

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Mussolini's father: he bequeathed an idea.

SIX CRUISERS FOR DUTCH INDIES NAVY

MARCH OF A DICTATOR

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When he was not at school he hung around his father's forge, which was something of a forum too. Here he first imbibed the revolutionary ideas and phrases which fifty years have not torn out of his make-up. When his father took over a tavern it only meant that young Mussolini gave up blowing the great forge bellows, to expand his own lungs more frequently in controversy. And very soon he became known as the most inveterate arguer and orator at the bar. He would denounce, affront, or fight at the first sign of opposition or criticism of his expressed opinions.

One day his mother heard him bel-lowing alone from behind a locked door. "Are you mad, my son?" she asked him. "Only lunatics talk to themselves. What is the matter with you?"

"I am practising oratory," replied Young Hopeful. "The time will come when all Italy will HAVE to hear me talk."

When the good Fathers of the College for Boys had finally disposed of their turbulent pupil he was sent to the Royal Normal School of Forlimpopoli. While he studied his mother wrote to the prefect of Forli province, who had been kind enough to visit her own little preparatory school and praise it. Now she appealed to the official to grant some small bonus to her so that the studies of her twelve-year-old son might yet continue "for the economic crisis in this little town is at its height owing to the small harvest of crops and total lack of grape, the sole produce of these parts."

The request was ignored. But Mussolini remained at school.

GET OUT—OR STARVE!

In July 1900 King Humbert of Italy was assassinated by an Anarchist. Mussolini improved the hour—it was his seventeenth birthday—by delivering a paper on the defence of regicides. His name was already notorious as a contributor to *Avanti*.

He graduated as a licensed elementary school teacher in July 1901. The best post he could land was one of substitute teacher in an elementary school.

Mussolini did not choose this profession for himself. He would have preferred a more active task. The advent of the new steam threshing machine in their district had already stirred his imagination. With his father, ever hungry for knowledge, the boy learned to work the thresher. What power lay in the machine! A wonderful new world era was about to unfold!

Then again he was acutely conscious of the deep—and deepening—rift between the owning and the working classes in Italy. The sketchy capitalist development which had come to Italy so late had produced the most crude social clash. He writes in his autobiography: "An abiding and secret grudge darkened the hearts of the common people. A country gentry of mediocrity in economic usefulness and of limited brains were hanging upon the masses a weight of unjustified privileges." Here was a field for political ability!

Meantime, the problem was: how to eat? Mussolini's mother had faith in him. She knew he was better than a mere manual labourer. "He promises something," Mussolini took the teaching job. The pay was 11s. 6d. a week, and no allowances.

The future Duce noted (1) that discipline in school was best maintained by arousing interest and not by the rule of terror (2) that a decent standard of cleanliness was not to be expected from children dragged back every night to slums (3) that the "exam" system was so much bunk.

Mussolini's ministrations to Young Italy, however, came to a sharp stop when his temporary job closed down. He had to get out—or starve.

He telegraphed to his mother and she sent him 10s. Thus furnished, Mussolini set forth for Switzerland. He was one of thousands of poor and

THREE YEARS PROGRAMME

The Netherlands Navy in the Indies is to be increased by six 8,000-ton cruisers during the next three years, according to message from Batavia.

This follows the announcement by the Queen of the Netherlands, in her speech from the Throne that special steps would be taken for the defence of the Netherlands Indies.

Alleging weaknesses in the Dutch naval position in Malaysia, Batavia papers have recently conducted strong campaign for stronger naval units.

The "Java Bode" pointed out that the Indies had "not a single proper cruiser."

"We have the modernised Java and the de Ruyter, both under-armed and too slow. Two new cruisers are expected, one already under construction in Holland and one to be started next year."

"In 1942, these cruisers will be ready but what are we doing from then on," asked the Batavia journal.

The Java Bode went on to recommend the construction of six cruisers instead of two pointing out that the new type has guns of 15 cm. calibre and could thus compare with Japan's Aobe class. This class, of which there are six is armed with 20 cm. calibre guns.

BETTER BASE ADVOCATED

The expansion of the headquarters of the Netherlands Indies Navy at Sourabaya has also been advocated, particularly the provision of new docks.

The most powerful coast batteries in the Indies were completed last year in the neighbourhood of Sourabaya.

Besides the Java and the de Ruyter, Dutch ship in Indies waters included the flotilla leaders Tromp, eight destroyers and 12 large submarines.

Last year there were one flotilla leader and four destroyers building and there were proposals for the increase of the submarine fleet to 18.

AIR FORCE

Described as perhaps the star item of the navy's equipment by a special correspondent of the "Straits Times" will be the scheduled fleet of 72 Dornier DO-24K flying-boats.

Equally suitable for bombing and reconnaissance work, each of the flying-boats can carry a ton of bombs.

In the naval air force, there are also 24 Fokker T4 seaplanes, 12 of the new type and the remainder of the old.

Less modern, but still very useful are the 40 Dornier Wal flying-boats, used extensively for patrol work.

unemployed Italian immigrants who left their mother country that year to try their luck on foreign soil.

Mussolini was at this time exactly

(TO-MORROW: When Mussolini bagged his bread.)

TERRORISTS TRY TO BLOW UP L.N.E.R. BRIDGE

London, To-day.

Two men attempted on Saturday morning to blow up with dynamite a bridge near Ferryhill in Durham County, on the main railway-line from London to Edinburgh, but were disturbed by an unemployed miner who tried in vain to hold one of the men till the police arrived on the scene.

The authorities believe that this is a terrorist attempt instigated by the illegal Irish Republican Army.

In the drawing room of the steamer "St. David," belonging to the Great Western Railway Company, carrying a large number of Irishmen from Ireland to England for the rugby match Ireland versus England, an incendiary bomb was discovered shortly before explosion and rendered harmless at the very last moment.

All trains bringing Irish spectators to London for the rugby match were searched at Paddington Station by a large number of police and plainclothes men for arms and explosive material. Five men were arrested.—Trans-Ocean.

SHARE RETURNS

An application for extension of time to file an allotment of shares was granted by the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, to the Hong Kong Dairy Supply, Limited, at the Supreme Court this morning.

Mr. D. J. N. Anderson, instructed by Mr. W. A. Mackinlay, appeared for the petitioning firm.

JAP. SAMSHUI THRUST FAILS

Szewui, To-day.

Another Japanese thrust across the river from Samshui was beaten back with considerable losses by Chinese forces yesterday afternoon.

The Japanese made the crossing at dawn in a dozen steam-launches and landed at many points south-west of old Samshui City. Brisk fighting broke out. A hand-to-hand struggle continued till early in the afternoon, when the invaders retreated to Samshui.—Central News.



Dr. Hjalmar Schacht (before he had been removed from the post of Reichsbank President) meeting Mr. Montagu Norman when the bearded Governor of the Bank of England visited Berlin recently.

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SABOTAGE IN
CATALONIA**

Perpignan, To-day.

The French Communist Deputy, M. Marty, who had been charged by the Spanish Republican Government with organising the International Brigades, returned with the remnants of his troops to France a few days ago, and said that treason was responsible for the rapid Catalan fall.

He said that acts of sabotage had been continuously committed. He emphasised the superiority of war material on General Franco's side.

The fall of Barcelona was explained by M. Marty as due to the exaggerated optimism of the inhabitants, who believed that such a thing could never occur.

Marty concluded by saying that France should observe strict neutrality, all foreign volunteers should be withdrawn from Franco's side, and then, within 6 months, the Civil War would be decided in favour of the Republicans.—Trans-Ocean.

**MEGAN TAYLOR
RETAINS TITLE**

Prague, To-day.

Megan Taylor, England, successfully defended her figure skating world championship against 14 competitors in the Prague Winter Stadium yesterday.

The scores were as follows:

Megan Taylor, England, 373.022 points, Hedy Stenuf, U.S.A. 358.094, Daphne Walker, England, 359.788, Lydia Veicht, Germany, 355.331, Evy Nyklova, Czechoslovakia, 350.636, Emmi Putzinger, Germany, 349.262. Cecilia Colledge, England, was unable to compete due to illness.—Trans-Ocean.

Mr. C. Gray, of No. 1 Shan Kwong Road, has reported that between 1.30 a.m. and 12 noon yesterday, his residence was entered and \$60 stolen.

**FRENCH ENVOY
TO BURGOS**

Paris, To-day.

The possibility of Senator Leon Berard proceeding a second time to Burgos is not denied in political circles here which, on the contrary, consider such a journey probable since there are still a number of questions concerning Spanish refugees awaiting solution.

It is likewise believed that a second journey by Berard would be followed at an early date by the appointment of a French diplomatic representative at Burgos which, however, it is pointed out, must depend on a preliminary agreement in the question of the withdrawal of foreign volunteers from Spain as well as on the general development of events.—Trans-Ocean.

**CHINESE PAPERS'
NEW YEAR PLAN**

The Chinese Government is expected to receive a substantial contribution from the Hong Kong Chinese Newspapers' Association during the Chinese New Year holidays.

As is customary, the papers will suspend their normal editions and jointly publish an associated-paper during the holidays.

This year, at the suggestion of the Sun Pao that they will, between February 16 and 23, issue an associated-paper, of which the entire proceedings will be contributed to the Government, for the funding of foreign loans.

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SIR ROBERT HODGSON'S BURGOS TRIP

St. Jean de Buz, To-day.

Sir Robert Hodgson, the British Agent to Burgos, left here by car for Burgos. — Reuter.

Sir Robert Hodgson has been overtaken by events. He abandoned his vacation to return to Spain armed with full powers to conduct arrangements for a truce and to give what stipulations might be required of the British Government.

Britain's aim was to secure terms from General Franco which the Republicans could accept with guarantees of performance given by Britain and France.

PARIS-LONDON IN 41 MINUTES

A Vickers Supermarine Spitfire fighter aircraft, of the type used by the R.A.F., recently flew from Le Bourget to Croydon in 41 minutes.

Piloted by Flying Officer J. K. Quill, a Vickers test pilot, it covered the 205 miles at an average speed of just over 300 miles an hour. This included climbing to 18,000ft.

Flying Officer Quill, on landing, said that the machine behaved perfectly during the journey. The trip was very smooth until he encountered the clouds.

He said that he did not "push" the plane, but let it fly at its normal cruising speed. The normal maximum speed of the Spitfire exceeds 350 miles an hour.

On November 18 he flew from London to Le Bourget in 50 minutes in a Spitfire fighter. This was claimed by the R.A.F. to be a record.

SERIOUS RAILWAY SMASH NEAR BARCELONA

London, To-day.

A report reaching here states that a serious railway accident occurred on Saturday at Las Planas, in the vicinity of Barcelona, in which 31 persons were killed and over 100 injured.

Two trains collided, one of them becoming derailed and crashing down the embankment. — Trans-Ocean.

CONFIDENCE IN LOYALIST GOVERNMENT

Paris, Yesterday.

Political and syndicalist organisations in Central Spain have expressed confidence in the Republican Government and have declared their willingness to continue to fight, says a message from Valencia.

An appeal is to be sent out to members of these organisations exhorting them to resist to the utmost all forms of "foreign oppression."

It is also reported that Nicolas Domingo, the Republican anti-spy chief, has arrived in Muroia from Catalonia.

About one hundred Republican fugitives from Minorca, including many officers, arrived on board a sailing vessel in Algiers last night.

They will be transported to Oran.

Dr. Juan Negrin and the Foreign Minister, Alvarez del Vayo, broadcast appeals to the population of Republican Spain shortly after their arrival in Valencia.

It was announced by Dr. Negrin that the seat of the Republican Government had been moved back again to Madrid.

In spite of all obstacles the Republicans were resolved, he said, to go on defending to the utmost the principles of national freedom. — Trans-Ocean.

JAPANESE BOMB LANCHOW

Lanchow, To-day.

Japanese planes raided Tsingyuan and Lanchow in far-flung Kansu yesterday, resulting in considerable civilian and property losses.

The air raid alarm was sounded at 10.30 a.m. when 21 Japanese bombers were sighted heading for Kansu.

Over Kansu, they split into two squadrons. Nine machines attacked Tsingyuan, northeast of Lanchow, dropping 20 bombs in the southern out-skirts.

They were intercepted by Chinese planes and failed to reach Lanchow. They released a dozen bombs at Tahungkow, over four miles from the provincial capital.

The second squadron of 12 machines invaded the city limits of Lanchow shortly afterwards. Owing to the appearance of the Chinese fighter planes, they hurriedly dropped about 30 bombs and departed. — Central News.

PONTIFICAL REQUIEM MASS

A Solemn Pontifical Requiem Mass for His Holiness Pope Pius XI will be celebrated by H. L. Bishop H. Valtorta at the Cathedral on Thursday, February 16 at 9 a.m.

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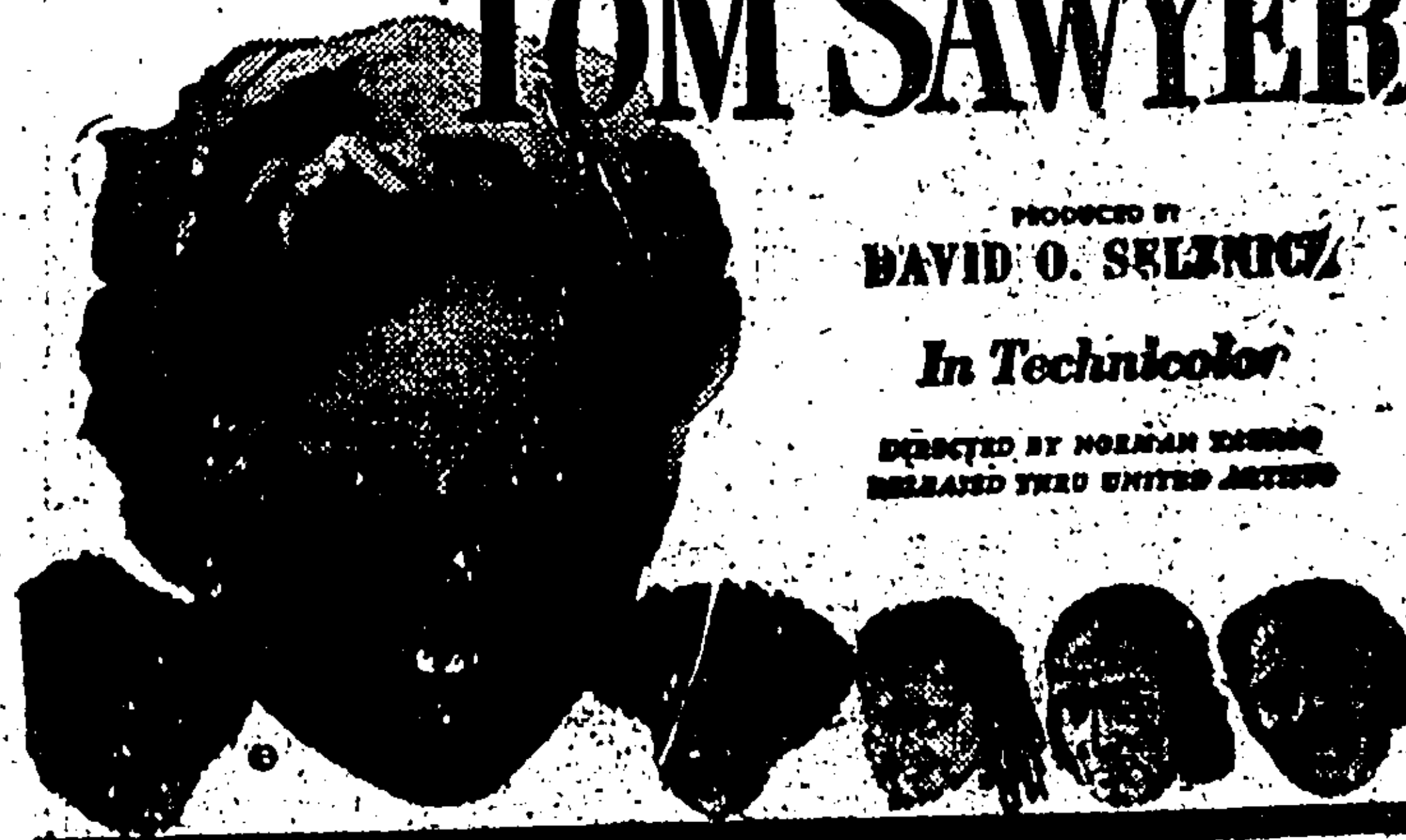
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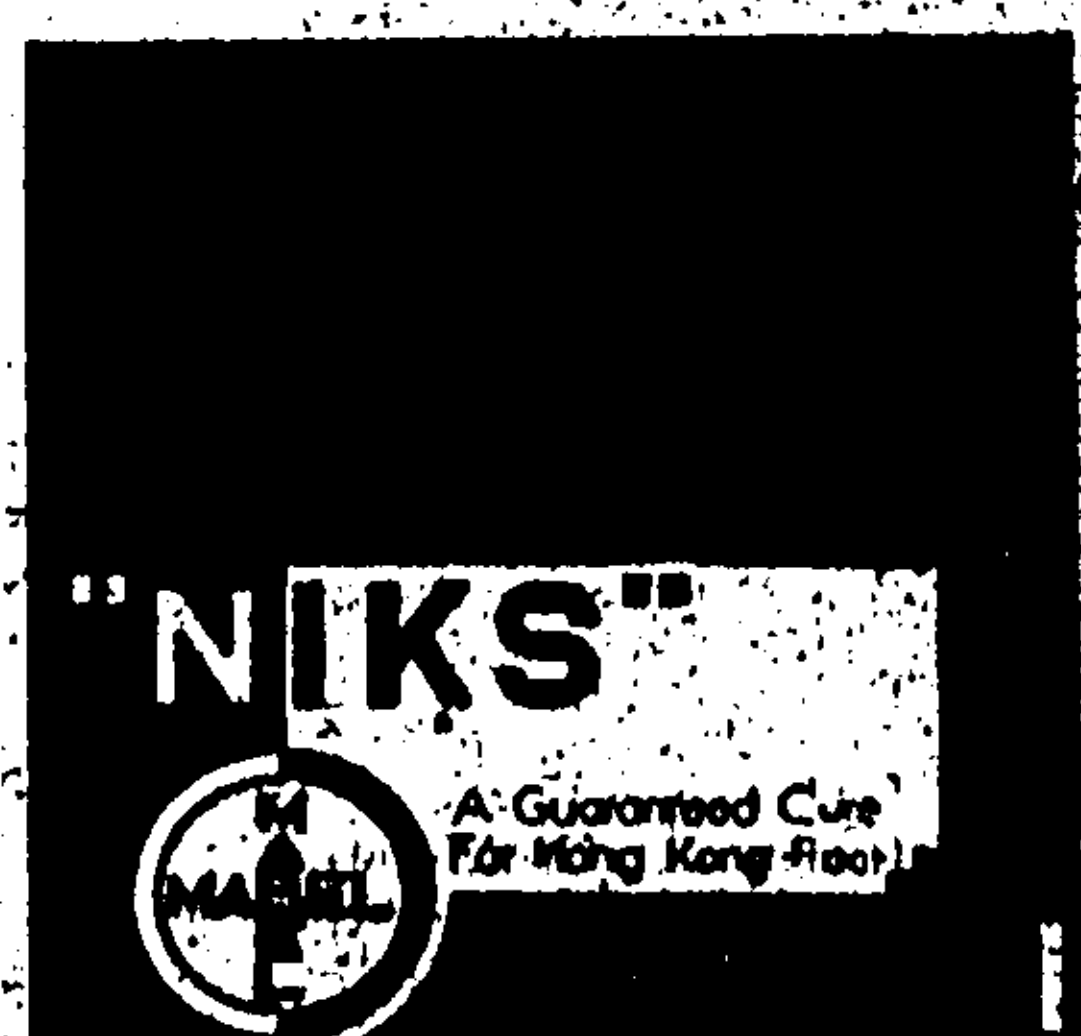
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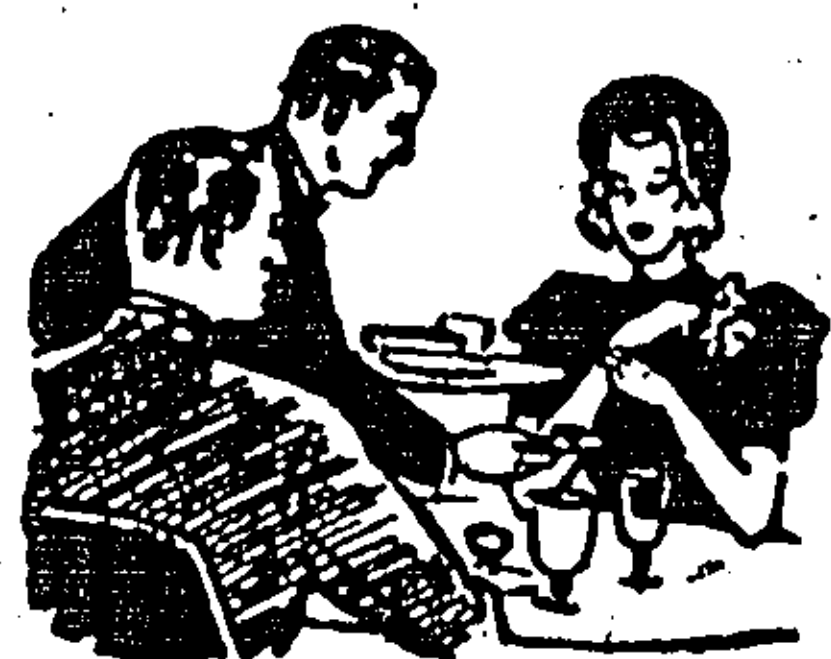
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DEVONSHIRE INCIDENT BOUND UP WITH ISSUE OF RECOGNITION OF FRANCO

Paris, To-day.

The bombing incident during the cruiser Devonshire's visit to Minorca is linked with the question of recognition of Franco's Government by Britain and France.

"Le Temps" says: "The fact that Italian planes carried out the bombardment during the negotiations on the Devonshire may indicate the Italian forces were acting in contravention of Franco's wishes and casts doubts on Mussolini's assurances that Italy had no interest, political or economic in Spain."

"Franco must have the greatest interest in removing this equivocation in order to show his own authority, particularly in view of the question of recognition of his Government by Britain."

"It is obvious that this recognition can be accorded only to a free independent Spain which will safeguard Mediterranean interests." — Reuter.

SPECULATION ON FRANCO RECOGNITION

San Sebastian, To-day.

The impression is gaining ground in political circles here that the British Government will recognise the Nationalist Government earlier than the French.

Reason for delay in Paris would appear ascribable to difficulties arising out of the vast quantities of Republican war material now on French territory. Political circles believe that agreement concerning these questions has not yet been reached between Paris and Burgos. The suggestion which has been put forward that costs incurred by the French Government in harbouring and feeding Spanish

refugees be defrayed by France taking over, at proper valuation, all useful war material particularly airplanes and tanks, the deficit to be made from Spanish gold in French possession, does not tend to hasten the conclusion of an agreement.

Under these circumstances it is thought that the British Government will not await the result of Franco-Spanish negotiations but will itself take the initiative of recognising the Nationalist regime.

Special importance is attached, in this connection, to the return of the British representative Sir Robert Hodgson to Burgos. — Trans-Ocean.



This mechanical dummy is greatly envied at Miami, Florida, for it is being constantly tackled by beautiful girls. Here is pretty Mary Hunt, Miami co-ed, learning the finer arts of football with the aid of the mechanical tackling dummy.

FRANCO WAITING FOR MADRID TO MAKE NEXT MOVE

Lull In Fighting While Troops Get A Rest

Efforts To Secure Armistice To Be Continued

Burgos, To-day.

Nationalist Spain is now waiting for Madrid to make the next move.

It is declared here that if Dr. Negrin or General Miaja succeed in their purpose of holding the remaining Republican area to its policy of extreme resistance, the war must take its inevitable course.

FIRST DEATH SENTENCES IN RUMANIA

BUCHAREST, YESTERDAY.

AFTER A TRIAL LASTING SEVEN DAYS, THE COURT-MARTIAL AT CLUJ DELIVERED JUDGMENT YESTERDAY IN A CASE IN WHICH 58 PERSONS ARE CHARGED IN CONNECTION WITH THE ATTEMPTED MURDER OF THE RECTOR OF THE CLUJ UNIVERSITY, STEFANESCU GOANGA, TWO MONTHS AGO.

Goanga was severely wounded, while a detective, Gruja, who accompanied him was killed.

The court-martial sentenced two of the principal accused, a 24-year-old medical student, Aurel Dascalescu, and a 22-year-old law student, Jean Pop, to death, while a 22-year-old law student, George Astonei, was sentenced to hard labour for life.

Sentences of hard labour varying between 12 months and seven years were passed on the other accused, who were all connected with the political organisation known as the Iron Guard.

The death sentences are the first to be passed in Rumania where the capital penalty was unknown until a few months ago, when it was introduced simultaneously with the proclamation of the new constitution.—Trans-Ocean.

DUKE AND DUCHESS OF KENT

Warsaw, Yesterday.

The Duke and Duchess of Kent are expected to arrive in Poland on a private visit during the next few days.

It has been announced that they will arrive in Warsaw on February 20 and will then proceed to Woropajejo, where they will spend a few days as guests of Count Przewdzicki.—Trans-Ocean.

The P. and O. s.s. "Rawalpindi" left Singapore on Saturday and is due here on Thursday at about 6 a.m.

In that event an offensive will be launched in due course.—Reuter.

LULL IN FIGHTING

A lull in the fighting is expected for some little time as General Franco has announced that the Insurgent troops, the Navarrese Divisions and General Yague's army, which were primarily responsible for the conquest of Catalonia, will be given a rest before being moved to the Madrid sector for further offensive operations.

It is predicted that the interval which will result will be employed with strenuous Anglo-French efforts to persuade Dr. Negrin and General Miaja that reasonable peace terms can be secured from General Franco, and of the futility of further resistance in the circumstances.

OVER 300,000 REFUGEES

Paris, To-day.

The number of Spanish civil and military refugees who have entered France in the course of last week is now estimated at about 300,000.

This figure includes somewhat more than 160,000 Republican militiamen who are interned in the camps of Argeles-Sur-Mer, Saint Cyprien and Vacares.

Eighteen thousand militiamen are interned in the camp of Prats-de-Mollo. Another 15,000 Republican militiamen, at present crossing the passes of Ares and Pragon, are still expected.

SITUATION EASIER

French troops concentrated near the frontier as reinforcements of the mobile guards and gendarmerie have gradually been withdrawn since Saturday noon.

Troops are, however, mostly not transported back to garrisons but taken to the camp of Argeles-Sur-Mer.—Trans-Ocean.

PICKPOCKET SENTENCED

Cheung Chi, 27, was charged before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest this morning, with stealing a pair of glasses and a case from Sheikh Rumjahn Ismail, at the Oriental Theatre.

Defendant snatched the glasses when Ismail was about to buy tickets. Defendant was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour, and recommended for banishment.

MADRID HEAVILY SHELLED

Madrid, To-day.

Shortly before the arrival of the Republican Cabinet from Valencia, Madrid was heavily shelled by Nationalist batteries for half an hour.

— Reuter.

AZANA ASKED TO RETURN TO SPAIN OR RESIGN

Paris, To-day.

Exchange of opinions between Paris and London concerning recognition of General Franco continues.

Decision or at least preliminary action, is expected on Tuesday when the French Cabinet assembles as a Council of Ministers under the chairmanship of the President of the Republic.

"Le Journal" emphasises that there is no occasion for the French and British Ambassadors to Republican Spain to follow Dr. Negrin to Madrid since the Ambassadors are accredited to President Azana who is now staying in Paris.

AZANA'S POSITION

"Le Temps" doubts whether it is legitimate to regard the Negrin Government as still existent since the head of the State is no longer exercising his functions of office.

Pressure is being exerted from Spain on Azana, either to return to Spain or to resign.

Impression in political circles strengthened yesterday that France had not given up the idea of maintaining existing relations with Franco and effecting this by sending Senator Leon Berard once again to Burgos on a "special mission."—Trans-Ocean.

STOLE DUCKS

Lai Tung, 24, and Ho Yau, 30, were charged before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest this morning, with stealing nine ducks from No. 167, Wing Lok Street, yesterday.

Det. Sergt. Mcvey said defendants stole the ducks by using a hook through an open grating. First defendant was formerly a police constable.

Sentence of one month's hard labour was imposed on first defendant, and six weeks on the second defendant, who had a previous conviction.

A fine of \$10 was imposed on Tse Cheung, 45, street cooler, by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest this morning, for cruelty.

Defendant was arrested when putting chickens in small crates in Wanchai Road yesterday.

KING LEOPOLD REFUSES SPAAK PLAN

Brussels, Yesterday.

King Leopold received M. Spaak yesterday afternoon and had a conversation lasting upwards of one hour.

The King had previously received the Presidents of the Senate and Chamber, as well as other political personalities.

Political circles believe that the King desires the Spaak Cabinet — whose resignation he has not yet formally accepted — to remain in office.

The President of the Chamber, M. Huysmans, on leaving the Palace, stated that the King declined to accept the proposed solution of a coalition Ministry of Catholics and Socialists from which the Liberals would be excluded, and likewise refused to contemplate a dissolution of Parliament since no appreciable change in the balance of the political parties can be expected.

The papers continue to consider the crisis as serious. — Trans-Ocean.

M. JASPAR'S TASK

Brussels, To-day.

King Leopold has entrusted M. Henri Jaspar, Minister without Portfolio in the previous Cabinet, with the task of attempting to form a new Cabinet. M. Jaspar belongs to the Catholic Party and has been Prime Minister several times.

His commission from the King came after M. Spaak had failed, on Saturday night, in his mission to solve the Martens affair.

The question in what way the dispute about the admission of Professor Martens to the Academy, was the original cause of the Cabinet Crisis, will be settled, is not clear.

In Walloon circles, it is hoped that Professor Martens will himself voluntarily retire.

Flemish quarters, however, declare this to be out of the question. Well-informed circles, expect that the new Government will meet Flemish demands for cultural autonomy. Another "measure of tranquillisation" taken is the release of Baron d'Anethan, who was one of the ringleaders of the attack recently made on M. Spaak.—Trans-Ocean.

SHOT FIRED IN ROBBERY ATTEMPT

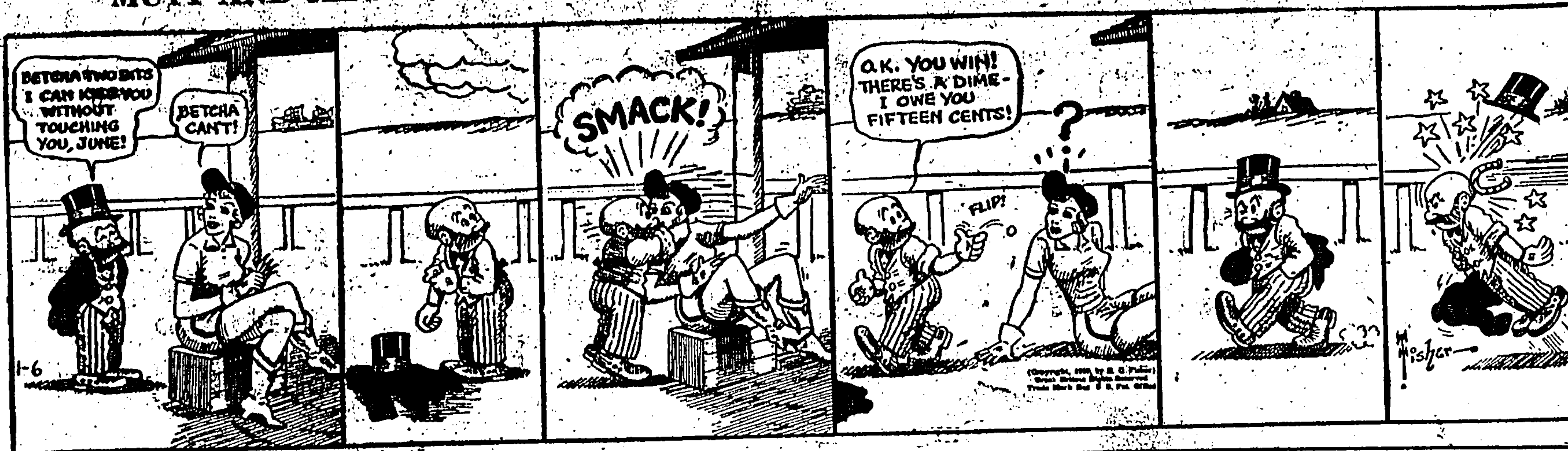
One shot was fired by one of three robbers who attempted an armed robbery at about nine o'clock this morning, at No. 12, Aplitu Street, Shamshuipo.

The occupier later reported to the police that nothing was stolen and no one was injured. The shot was fired into the air when he raised an alarm to prevent the robbers forcing their way into his flat on the second floor.

The police searched pedestrians in the vicinity without result.

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THE DAILY SHORT STORY

Friendly Smile

Hurrying through the cold, January night Esau was conscious of a feeling of guilt. Floyd Woolsey, chairman of the sophomore Tau Kappa initiation committee, had told him to report at the bonfire pit. He should, of course, have obeyed the order. Things would go pretty hard with shivered. He remembered that Cedric Goff had told him. Cedric, naturally timid, had refused to obey a similar order and the sophomores had come up to his room and taken him down to the river and heaved him in. Cedric couldn't swim and they'd had to haul him out.

Esau couldn't swim either, but he looked more rugged than Ced. Suppose no one hauled him out? He shivered again, this time not from thoughts of the icy water closing over his head. Perhaps he was making a mistake in disobeying the orders. Involuntarily his hand closed over the letter in his jacket pocket. The handwriting was unmistakably that of Joy Metcalf. There was an urgent plea in what she had written. He must meet her up near the water tank at eight sharp. It was important.

Esau's heart increased its beat. Joy Metcalf had ash blond hair and soft

Esau blinked, shook his head. Pshaw! What an imagination he had! Directly behind him an owl hooted weirdly. He started, flung a startled look over his shoulder. But the road behind was deserted.

He looked back toward the burying ground and froze in his tracks. Almost under his nose a filmy white figure rose and stared at him solemnly. But, no, the figure wasn't looking at him. It was standing with bowed head, staring down at its own hands.

Esau tried hard to be brave, but he knew his heart was thumping and that there was cold sweat on his forehead. His impulse was to whistle, to saunter along, ignoring the figures beyond the graveyard fence with studied indifference. Unconsciously he puckered his lips. But before he could utter a sound one of the white-clad figures threw its arms into the air and shrieked. It was a wild, inhuman shriek, and was instantly taken up by the others. Before Esau's startled eyes they all rushed to the centre of the graveyard as though by a given signal. Here they huddled like a football team deciding its next play. A muttering and moaning came

By Stanley Cordell

brown eyes and a charmingly petite figure. He had seen her the first day he arrived at college and she had smiled at him. To Esau that smile was more than a friendly gesture on the part of a Sophomore co-ed for an incoming Freshman.

He made inquiries and learned that she was the property of Big Floyd Woolsey, varsity fullback and president of Tau Kappa. But this fact and the fact that the Freshman rules forbade all Freshmen talking to co-eds on week days didn't daunt Esau.

He made every attempt he could to encounter Joy Metcalf. She was always friendly and Esau guessed she felt toward him as he did toward her.

The water tank was deserted when Esau reached it. He glanced at his watch. Seven fifty-five. He heard the clock on the administration building bong out the hour of eight. Scudding clouds obscured the moon. Suddenly it was very dark, for there were no street lights here. An owl hooted close by. He heard the rush of an unseen body.

Striking a match, Esau glanced at his watch again. Eight-thirty. Gradually a sense of being tricked beset him. He didn't know why exactly. Joy's note had said eight o'clock sharp. He waited five minutes more. The owls hooted again. Curiously he felt that he wasn't alone, that unseen eyes were peering at him out of the darkness. The moon appeared from behind a cloud. He thought he detected a skulking figure dart behind the tank. He started back along the road.

Dimly against the sky he saw a faint, red glow. They had started a blaze in the bonfire pit. Perhaps if he hurried he could get there in time. He quickened his pace. At the corner of Bagdad Road and Maple Lane he halted. To the right was the village burying ground. The headstones gleamed whitely in the moonlight. Esau sucked in his breath. Two white garbed figures were sitting among the stones.

If Esau had had time to think and reason, if the fact that his own boldness in disobeying Big Floyd's orders hadn't struck a queer sense of fright to his heart, he might have acted otherwise. But in the fleeting second he stood rooted in his tracks only one thought came to his mind: To run.

So he turned and ran, heart pounding, terror and panic in his eyes. Behind him he heard the pound of pursuing footsteps on the frozen road surface.

Esau didn't stop to reason. He ran wildly, without definite destination and purpose. Presently he found himself on College street. He saw a great bonfire and a great crowd of people. He headed toward them, for to him they meant sanctity.

On the very outskirts of the crowd Esau tripped and went sprawling. Stunned, he lay still for a moment, but presently he sat up, staring wide-eyed. Grinning faces stared down at him. The three ghosts were watching him solemnly. Floyd Woolsey was reading something from a paper. A boy standing beside Floyd opened his mouth and hooted like an owl and grinned down at Esau.

Floyd Woolsey said: "This is it, boys. This is the epitaph you were supposed to copy from the centre gravestone. By the way, what's this you brought back with you?" He looked at Esau. But Esau only heard a him dimly, only knew vaguely what a fool he'd made of himself, was only faintly aware of the shouting of the crowd—for now beside Floyd he saw another figure. The figure was that of lovely Joy Metcalf. She was looking at him, and this time she wasn't smiling in friendly fashion. She was grinning with the others.

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Japanese Endeavouring To Clean Up In Guerilla Zones

LARGE-SCALE ACTION IN SOUTHERN HOPEI

Shanghai, To-day.

As operations on all fronts, except the Hainan Island area, are still at a standstill, Japanese forces are concentrating on trying to clear up Chinese guerillas within the occupied areas.

Large-scale action is, at present, going on in Southern Hopei where a force of fifty thousand Chinese guerillas as well as regular troops reported in danger of encirclement by a determined Japanese push.

DEL VAYO'S REPLY TO GOVT. CRITICS

Paris, To-day.

A declaration by the Spanish Republican Foreign Minister, Alvarez Del Vayo, in reply to criticism directed against the Republican Government, has been made from Madrid and reads as follows:

"The entire Republican Government is now in that part of Spanish territory not occupied by Nationalists and the Cabinet is at present holding a meeting.

"On arriving in that territory, the premier and I were able to convince ourselves of the wonderful spirit which has prevailed here for two and half years and which remains undaunted by our defeats.

"In the course of our conversations with military leaders, we met everywhere firm determination to overcome all difficulties and to continue the struggle until the independence of our country and the reconciliation of Spaniards among themselves, as well as their mastery over their own destinies, have been assured.

CALUMNIES

"I will not discuss the infamous calumnies circulated about us during the last days of the Catalan struggle nor will I reply to them.

"Most persistent of those calumnies was the assertion that the Spanish Government had taken to flight.

"Our dignity and also the heroism of the Spanish nation, which in the past two and half years has written the greatest epic in the history of liberty-loving people, place us outside the reach of such base attacks.

DUTY CARRIED OUT

"The Government's main duty was to ensure that in the last days in Catalonia, no lack of discipline and no disorder should occur. This duty was carried out with complete success.

"In the most critical moment we were able to save art treasures of

Motorised Japanese units succeeded in taking Khsien at the confluence of the Hulu and Hutou Rivers and has now cleared this area completely.

Clearing up operations are also going on near Shulu, east of Shihchiachwang, which, it will be recalled was captured a few days ago while the Chinese forces west of the railroad as well as on the right bank of the Hulu River and now also threatened.

KULING DECISION

According to the Japanese, foreigners who wish to evacuate Kuling will be escorted from the mountain resort by British and United States sailors sent up from Kiukiang, where the U.S. gunboat "Oahu" and the British "Ladybird" are now anchored.

After lengthy negotiations between the British, United States and Japanese authorities, this procedure has been decided upon and negotiations for safe conduct through the Chinese irregulars who are holding Kuling and who are encircled by Japanese forces is now going on in Chungking between the British, United States and Chinese authorities.

No date for evacuation has been fixed, but it is believed that it will be in the near future. — Trans-Ocean.

MARCAL CASE SEQUEL

An application for restitution of silk alleged to have been stolen from the Britannia Silk Store, the property of Mr. M. M. Lookoomall, was made by Det. Inspector Hopkins before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning, as a sequel to the Marcal case.

Mr. Edwards said that since there was no conviction in the case, no restitution could be made. The property must go back to the person in whose possession it was, Marcal.

our museums which enemy bombing planes threatened to destroy."

The declaration concludes by saying that the Republican Government, in the unfettered freedom of its own will, has come to that part of Spain which is still free. — Trans-Ocean.



Photo shows men at work removing the propellers of the Britannic, the first vessel to go into dry dock at Liverpool for her annual "beauty" treatment.

MR. GARVIN IN FAVOUR OF MONARCHY IN SPAIN

London, To-day.

Commenting on the developments in Spain the "Sunday Times" writes that England and France desire to see a neutral and friendly Spain emerge from the civil war and not a Spain which would be prepared to sign an anti-Communist pact.

The editor of the "Observer," Mr. J. L. Garvin, strongly advocates in that paper the restoration of the Spanish monarchy which would be the best means of ensuring a lasting reconstruction of the country. The "Observer" foresees difficulties ahead in regard to the question of the gold of the Bank of Spain, some of which is in London, while a greater part has been deposited in a bank in Paris.

According to the "Sunday Times," the British Government is expected formally to recognise General Franco in the course of this week, probably not later than Thursday.

This recognition, says the "Sunday Times," will clear the way for discussions between London and Burgos with the object of laying the basis for future political and economic co-operation. — Trans-Ocean.

SNATCHING CASE

Wong Sing, 30, was charged before Mr. S. Edwards this morning, with snatching a handbag in Robinson Road. Defendant was caught by a constable in D'Agullar Street. Sentence of six months' hard labour was passed.

KING GEORGE OF GREECE PLANTS TREES

Athens, To-day.

King George of Greece, at the head of almost all the Ministers of the Crown, yesterday planted a number of trees in the streets of the city.

This was the opening ceremony of the so-called "Arbour Week" inaugurated by Minister Kotzias, during which half a million trees will be planted in the roads and parks of Athens to beautify the city.

Religious services conducted by the Archbishop of Athens gave the ceremony a distinctive note. — Trans-Ocean.

Mr. A. K. G. Arhammar, second engineer of the s.s. Miramar, has reported that a sum of \$138 currency was stolen from his cabin yesterday.

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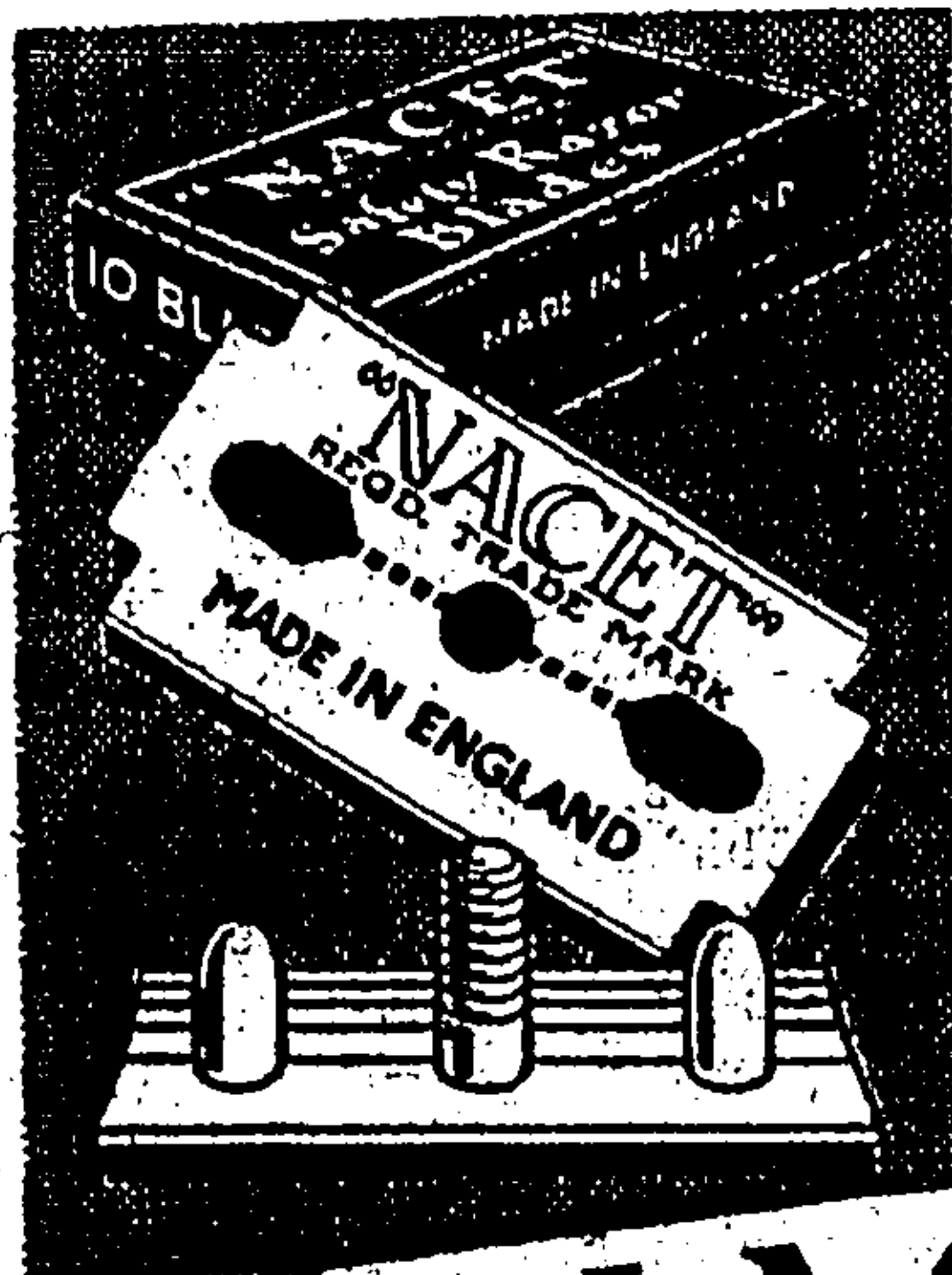
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SHIPPING SUBSIDIES

The Rome Government has promised its sympathetic attention to the claims of the shipping industry. It cannot complain if the proposals the industry submits are thoroughgoing and expensive. They amount in direct subsidies to £8,500,000 a year for the next five years. This is a modest sum by the side of what agriculture has had; sugar beet and fat cattle alone cost the Exchequer more than that. But they do not represent the end of the matter. If there is to be a further tonnage reserve under which vessels would be laid up for a national emergency there would be a further charge; Mr. Haldin's scheme suggested 10 per cent. from the shipowners and 90 per cent. from the Government. Then there is shipbuilding, which, if shipping is treated handsomely, may not be backward in also applying for help; at present, as Lord Essendon stated last month, 7,000,000 tons of shipping are being built abroad for British shipowners, while little more than half our berths are occupied. The method proposed for the shipping subsidies is in general that of defence funds, administered through the Government and outsiders, to be applied where foreign pressure is greatest. And there is again the same condition as was attached to the lapsed tramp shipping subsidy, that assistance shall be suspended when freights reach a certain level. The state of the shipping industry is now so bad that it is hard—in the general atmosphere of State help—to deny it assistance in meeting the subsidised competition of countries like Germany which have linked their shipping and their overseas trade together by all kinds of restrictive covenants.

How far Whitehall can follow them—as the proposals suggest—in adapting Britain's trade treaties to flag discrimination seems more open to question. We are on an exceedingly slippery slope about whose dangers no one would have been more eloquent than the shipowners themselves a few years ago.

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Englishmen in Rome

The touching story of the interview which Mr. Chamberlain had with the late lamented Pope Pius XI is a reminder that English statesmen are no longer such familiar figures in Rome as in the days when Pius IX thus summed up his opinion of some of the leaders of the day: "I like but I do not understand Mr. Gladstone; Mr. Cardwell I understand but I do not like; I both like and understand Lord Clarendon; the Duke of Argyll I neither like nor understand." Over a long period acquaintance with Rome was almost an essential for Englishmen, though they looked at the city with different eyes. One of Gladstone's party in 1866 told Morley that "Mr. Gladstone seemed to care little or not at all about wonders of archaeology alike in Christian and pagan Rome, but never wearied of hearing Italian sermons from priests and preaching friars."

Harcourt, unlike most of his contemporaries, left his visit to Rome till old age, writing home that "Cato did not learn Greek till he was past seventy and I have reserved Rome for a similar maturity." As might have been expected, he took a view diametrically opposite to that of Gladstone. He had nothing good to say of St. Peter's, "but the real old Rome entrances me—the Capitol, the Forum, and the Palatine are all my fancy painted." Macaulay, again, shared with a very different person, Charles Greville, an eagerness to see St. Peter's and was not disappointed in the event. Journals like those of the last Lord Holland when in Rome suggest that a century ago that city was almost another London during its season.

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The Mother-in-Law

Tradition

The Association of Mothers-in-Law, just formed in New York to refute attacks, in jest or earnest, upon their class, will find that they have a widely spread prejudice to combat. Not only does the mother-in-law seem to be an unfailing source of jokes among civilised peoples, but the folklore of many primitive races bears witness to an almost universal distrust of her power.

In some instances the prejudice has been crystallised into tribal laws. Among the Arakwas of South America it is forbidden for a woman to speak to her son's wife or her daughter's husband, while Australian aborigines, Kalmucks of Central Asia, and Ostraks of Siberia put a taboo on a woman speaking to her husband's parents. Among the natives of Papua also a man may never speak to his mother-in-law or she to him. More than that—he must not even go near her. If he sees her approaching he must hide. It is said that some men nearer home have been known to do that even without the guidance of tribal law.

JAPANESE MEET HAINAN OBSTACLES

Kiungchow River Area Heavily Bombed

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Kwangchowwan, To-day.

Japanese gunboats are steaming up the Kiungchow River (Namto Kong) from Hoihow to shell Chinese positions which have been giving trouble, according to messages received here this morning.

Japanese aircraft continue their activity along the banks of the River and also along the north-eastern coast of Hainan Island.

A landing on the north-eastern coast is foreshadowed by constant aerial raids and it is believed that the Japanese will attempt to land a large force in that vicinity, Wen-chang, about six miles from the coast, being the objective.

Meanwhile, brisk fighting between the Chinese and the Japanese continue south of Kiungchow. Consistent shelling by Japanese gunboats and bombing by aircraft are, however, forcing the Chinese troops further inland.

More Japanese troops are being landed in Hoihow, the harbour of which is practically crowded with Japanese armed vessels, including armed trawlers and motor-launches.

A Japanese aircraft-carrier is reported off Hoihow.

The Japanese are, it is believed, planning to drive as far inland (south) as Ting An, where most of the Chinese officials and military leaders have established offices. — Our Own Correspondent.

MANY VILLAGES ABLAZE

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Kwangchowwan, To-day.

Fires are sweeping Wenchang, and in practically all little towns on the Kiungchow River (Namto Kong), following extensive air-raids by Japanese aircraft yesterday.

Early this morning the Japanese carried out further raids.

Ting An, the object of the Japanese forces advancing from Kiungchow, 20 miles away, was also heavily bombed and the authorities are preparing for evacuation.

Almost half of the population have already fled.

CHINESE REPORT

Linhien, Kwangtung, To-day.

Confirming the Japanese landing on Hainan Island, authoritative circles here have received wireless reports of the fall of Hoihow, capital of Hainan, and Tsingmai, thirty miles southwest of Hoihow.

Describing the invasion, the message said landing was effected at two points along the northern coast. The first was at Tachang, thirteen miles west of Hoihow, from where the invaders attacked the old city of Tsingmai.

FORT LANDING

Another large force, supported by a terrific naval bombardment, landed in the vicinity of Siu Ying Forts, eight miles west of Hoihow. A squadron of planes at the same time

reconnoitred Hoihow and its surroundings, dropping bombs at many places.

The Chinese troops, have withdrawn from Hoihow and Tsingmai, and retreated southeast.

Informed circles believe that the Japanese will not attempt the occupation of the whole island which, because of its large area, could not be held by a force of a few thousand men. — Central News.

FRENCH TAKE ACTION AGAINST THREE GERMAN CORRESPONDENTS

Paris, To-day.

Action taken within the past few days by the police authorities here against three German newspaper correspondents has become known.

The correspondents in question are Heinrich Baron, who represents the "Berliner Boersenzeitung," Dr. Vrug von Nidda, of the "Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung" and Dr. Haack, who is the correspondent of a number of German provincial papers.

The apartments of the three journalists were searched and one correspondent was closely questioned.

The motive of the police action is not stated but it would appear that the correspondents have been under observation and their telephone wires "tapped" for some time past. — Trans-Ocean.

JAPANESE AIMS IN HAINAN ATTACK

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Shanghai, To-day.

Occupation of part of Hainan Island until the Chiang regime is defeated, is the object of the Japanese forces in South China, according to a Japanese source here.

It is pointed out that France will be informed of this intention by the Foreign Office as soon as the expected joint protest by Britain and France is received.

The Japanese forces will use northern Hainan as a base for operations in south-western Kwangtung, Kwangsi and Yunnan Province. — Our Own Correspondent.

TERRORIST OUTRAGES IN PALESTINE

Jerusalem, To-day.

Terrorist outrages in the past 24 hours have resulted in three Jews being killed and four wounded.

The Irish Fusiliers inflicted casualties on an armed gang which sniped and killed a Jewish constable at Safad. — Reuter.

ITALIAN CLAIMS ON FRANCE

Paris, To-day.

The French press, on their front pages, reprint an article published in the Italian weekly "Relazioni Internazionali" defining Italian claims on French territory. In

FRENCH FLAGSHIP OFF HOIHOW

Kwangchowwan, To-day.

Owing to the landing of Japanese forces on Hainan Island, the French flagship "Primaguet" which had proceeded to Bangkok, last Monday, has returned to Hoihow, and is on its way to Hoihow, according to reports from French sources.

An unconfirmed message says that the flagship has already arrived off Hoihow to watch the interests of French nationals. — Our Own Correspondent.

the absence of comments on the article, it is pointed out that during the colonial debate in the French Chamber scheduled for an early date, the attitude of the French Government towards Italian claims will be made clear beyond doubt. — Trans-Ocean.

Spectre Of New Major Armed Conflict

WASHINGTON, TO-DAY.

IN A WORLD-WIDE BROADCAST, MR. CORDELL HULL SAID THAT IN PRESENT WORLD CONDITIONS, MAINTENANCE OF ADEQUATE DEFENCE FORCES WAS THE SACRED DUTY OF ANY GOVERNMENT WORTHY OF ITS NAME.

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FUNERAL FIXED FOR TO-MORROW EVENING

Vatican City, To-day.

Huge crowds of all classes, many of whom waited all night for the gates of St. Peter's to be opened, at 8 a.m., have been filing all day past the bier of the Pope who is lying in state in the Chapel of the Holy Sacrament on a catafalque surrounded by 16 torch-bearers, placed so that that faithful might kiss the dead Pope's feet. It is estimated that by 7 p.m. when the door of the Chapel were closed until 7 a.m. to-day, 200,000 people paid their respects to the dead Pontiff.

Army field-kitchens fed the poorer classes of the crowd and hawkers were busy selling medals of the dead Pope.

The faithful told rosaries while they waited hours in hot sunshine and eager crowds occasionally

broke the cordon of police and troops.

The Pope's funeral has been fixed for to-morrow (Tuesday) evening. — Reuter.

PREPARATION FOR CONCLAVE OF CARDINALS

Vatican City, To-day.

All here are now busy making preparations for the Conclave of Cardinals.

As for every Papal election, almost the whole Vatican must be subjected to re-arrangement to provide accommodation for the Cardinals — each of which may bring to the Conclave one secretary and one servant — expected to come to take part in election. Altogether not fewer than 300 persons must thus be accommodated in that part of the building surrounding the Damascus Courtyard.

As the Cardinals, in accordance with the meaning of the Conclave may not have any possibility of communication with one another, not even on the way to the Sixtine Chapel which serves as the scene of election, a whole army of craftsmen, masons and carpenters, must block up doors, courtyards, passages and make provisional accommodation rooms by erecting partitions and wooden walls.

CARDINALS' STAFF

A number of cooks, two medical practitioners and druggists are also at hand to be at the disposal of the Cardinals if needed.

At the same time, the old and uneven floor of the Sixtine Chapel is being covered with wooden flooring to obviate accidents.

On the side walls, seats are being fixed and covered with violet silk in the case of places for Cardinals created by the deceased Pope and with green silk in case of those who received the Cardinal's Red Hat from some previous Pope.

Before each Cardinal's seat is placed a small table with voting papers, candles and sealing wax. All other similar usages as at all Papal elections since that at the first Conclave held in the year 1271 will be strictly observed. — Trans-Ocean.

NEW KEEL FOR SEA DRAGON

The Halliburton junk, Sea Dragon, is not expected to resume the cross-Pacific venture for ten days or a fortnight.

She is having a new keel fitted and other minor repairs are being affected.

John Potter, the member of the crew whose illness caused the Sea Dragon's return to Hong Kong, is at the War Memorial Nursing Home suffering from a rupture. He is expected to be in hospital for five weeks.

YESTERDAY'S "HEAT WAVE"

In yesterday's blazing sun mid-day, the temperature rose to 74 degrees in the shade, but fell sharply to 59 degrees during the night. At 10 a.m. to-day, the thermometer registered 62 degrees.

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone over N. China has increased considerably in intensity. The Philippines depression is situated about 240 miles to the east of Manila, moving northward.

Forecast:—N. E. and E. winds, moderate to fresh; fair.

DEATH SENTENCES ON SEVEN ARABS

Jerusalem, Yesterday.

Seven Arabs have been sentenced to death by the military court at Haifa for carrying arms and resisting troops.

An eighth member of the gang was sentenced to life imprisonment owing to his age.

It is understood that the eight men were remnants of an armed gang which clashed with the Royal Dragoons recently.

The others are awaiting trial. — Reuter.



This passenger on the upper deck of a bus at Golder's Green had a shock when greeted by this giant. The latter is Henry Latimer, giant in "Jack and the Beanstalk" at the Golders Green Hippodrome.

Birmingham Theatre Burnt Out

London, To-day.

An immense fire which broke out in Birmingham on Sunday resulted in one of the largest music halls of the city being burned to the ground.

Although 17 fire-engines were on the spot fighting the flames, it was not possible to extinguish the blaze. Damage is estimated at about £30,000.

Police immediately blocked all approaches as it was suspected that the fire was due to incendiary, possibly on the part of the I.R.A. — Trans-Ocean.

"LUCKY" NOT SO LUCKY

London, To-day.

An unconfirmed report from Madrid states that the British steamer "Lucky", 1250 tons, was bombed and sunk during a Nationalist air-raid on Valencia Harbour.

The report says nothing as to whether the crew of the "Lucky" has been lost. — Trans-Ocean.

RUTHENIAN ELECTION

Chust, To-day.

The first autonomous diet of Carpatho-Ukraine was elected on Sunday. Reports received indicate that nearly 90 per cent. of the votes cast were in favour of the Government.

The German and Czech minorities voted for the Government, while the Hungarians voted "No"—Trans-Ocean.

TAXIS COLLIDE

Two taxis were involved in a collision in Pedder Street at the corner of Des Voeux Road, at 9.30 a.m. to-day. No. 179, parked at the corner of Pedder Street, started off without warning and collided with No. 551, which was about to pass. Slight damage to mudguards was suffered by both vehicles.

FABRICATED?

A Chinese who reported himself a victim of highway robbery in Jordan Road on February 9 at about 11.15 p.m., was arrested to-day and charged with giving false information. It is alleged that he fabricated the story.

News Snack Bar



THE FLIP FLOP VERSION OF LAMBETH WALK. — Swimming fins to help holiday bathers on their way are the latest novelty on the Riviera. This picture, taken at Nice, shows the fins which are worn just like shoes. The Lambeth Walk, too, is very popular at Nice and here are two bathers, wearing the fins, doing a flip-flop version.

U.S. TO BUILD 50 SHIPS EVERY YEAR!

Programme of building fifty new ships a year for the next ten years to "rejuvenate their mercantile marine," is in hand by the United States Maritime Commission.

Having already placed contracts for fifty modern passenger and cargo vessels, the Commission proposes for 1939 the construction of three new passenger liners at a cost of \$20,000,000.

These vessels are intended for the Pacific Ocean service. It is understood that the Commission intends during 1939 to concentrate on West Coast shipping.

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NOTE BY BLIMP

Mr. J. C. S. MacGregory, director of the B.B.C. Empire Service, told the Institute of Education "We had a letter from a colonel in the Indian Army who said we were disturbing the Sabbath by broadcasting dance music on Sunday mornings. Actually what he was listening to was a programme intended for Western Canada on Saturday evening!"



A Jersey cow, claimed to be the smallest in the world, is being reared on Mr. D. M. Farrar's farm at Fullox Hill, near Ampthill, Bedfordshire. Photo shows "Way-ahead's Lady".

PRESENTED FROM COURT

From London police courts.—
Wife at Willesden: When I leave my husband I always go to my mother's. I know he won't follow me there.
Man at Tottenham: Every time I ring up my wife her mother hangs up on me.
Woman at Edgware: My husband says the pictures upset me, but even if it is a very sad film I always stop crying by the time I have got home.

ROADS OF ROMANCE LEAD TO ROME

The concessions to foreign honeymoon couples visiting Italy have now been extended to first-class travel.

Hitherto the big reductions in fares from frontier points have applied to second and third class only, but newlyweds travelling first class in Italy are now allowed a reduction of 70 per cent. on their return tickets between any frontier station or port to any destination, with any number of intermediate stops.

One condition is that couples must include Rome in their itinerary. Golden wedding couples get the same concession.

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ITALY'S CHALLENGE

Count Theo Rossi, who holds the world's championship for the twelve-litre class of motor-boats, is to make an attack on the record—131.41 m.p.h.—held by Sir Malcolm Campbell. His boat will have Isotta Fraschini engines, the power of which is not divulged, and will be ready for trials in September.

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CURFEW STILL TOLLED

Curfew is still tolled nightly at Castle Donington, Leicestershire, home of the famous motor racing track. It has been rung every night for fifty-four years by James Fowkes, now aged seventy-eight.

1938--RECORD HARVEST YEAR

More food produce than ever was grown in England and Wales last year according to the Agricultural Returns for 1938.

The yields of wheat and barley were the highest recorded since returns were first collected in 1885. Bigger yields were shown, too, of oats, corn, potatoes, turnips and swedes and mangolds.

The total area under crop in June, with the exception of turnips, swedes and the hay crops, was greater than in 1937. But a contrast was provided by the area under "seeds" hay, which was the lowest recorded. Meadow hay acreage was the smallest since 1921.

Most marked were the increased yields in the eastern and north-eastern divisions (just where the Government is most criticised by the farmers).

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CHAMPION STEER DISQUALIFIED

Sir Edmund Findlay's Aberdeen-Angus steer, Permo, exhibited at the Scottish National Fat Stock Club's show in Edinburgh when it won the supreme championship, has been disqualified. The steer was reserve champion at Smithfield, but was disqualified, it was stated, owing to an incorrect date of birth being given by the breeder.

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SOUTH AFRICA IS LESS BRITISH

During the past fourteen years, approximately only one out of every eighteen settlers in South Africa was British born. Out of the same number nine were Germans or Lithuanians. Figures for 1937, which have just been issued showed that 4,492 Britons entered South Africa, while 3,424 left, resulting in a net gain of 1,068. Non-British immigrants numbered 3,435 and emigrants 292, a gain of 3,143. Over fourteen years the net gain in British subjects was only 2,098, out of a total of 37,550 (10,000 being Germans).



Mass Drill on H.M.S. Ganges. The sailors have to learn how to climb the rigging and here they are en masse.

BATTALION DISCIPLINE IS CRITICISED

The behaviour of an Indian Army guard was strongly criticised, while the general discipline of the battalion was called slack, at a Court of Inquiry at Nowshera, on the North-West Frontier.

On November 24 a sepoy ran amok and killed four British officers and three Indian officers, and seriously wounded two British officers. The victims all belonged to the 4th Battalion, the 2nd Punjab Regiment, and included Lieutenant-Colonel E. H. Gray, the commanding officer, who was shot dead in his tent when asleep, before the guard put an end to the sepoy's attacks.

A communique issued in New Delhi yesterday makes the criticism of the battalion, and says: "The necessary disciplinary action is being taken."

WANTS GREATER MANCHESTER

Dr. Arthur Redford, reader in economic history at Manchester University, wants a Greater Manchester. Speaking at the annual meeting of the Historical Association in Manchester, he suggested some form of federal organisation to do for Greater Manchester what London County Council has done for Greater London.

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COUNCIL MAY DO HIRE PURCHASE

Wolverhampton Council is to consider a scheme to buy furniture on hire purchase for its tenants—tables, chairs, bedsteads and so on. Tenants will pay instalments to the council rent collector.

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FOREIGN VISITORS

The number of aliens, including business visitors, landing in the United Kingdom in December, 1938, was 11,442 (7,141 business).

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RUMANIAN TRAIN COLLISION

Four persons were killed and six injured when a goods train ran into a petroleum train in the station at Ploesti, Rumania.

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FARMING HOLIDAYS WITH PAY

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HOLDING UP OF HUNDREDS OF TRUCKS IDLE AT HAIPHONG

Haiphong, French Indo-China.

Hundreds of new American motor trucks, standing idle, and rusting, in vacant fields and backlots, provide the first answer here to the question whether China is receiving military supplies through French Indo-China, now that the communication link via Hong Kong and Canton is completely and thoroughly severed.

Reliable estimates place the number of these trucks at over a thousand. They represent money—good, hard cash paid over to American firms by the Chinese government.

Figure it on an average of \$1,000 per truck, and you have the neat figure of \$1,000,000 lying idle.

And the fact that these trucks are not being moved is part of the insistent French denial that China is being fed with war supplies from here. The Japanese say different. The French point to the trucks, and in China to-day the truck is a necessity of war.

WAR SUPPLIES LIMITED.

To what extent war supplies could be or are being "smuggled" through French-Indo-China is another question, but even here, in the matter of machineguns labelled as soap and rifles as canned goods, the preponderant neutral opinion is that the French have clamped down hard.

As firm as the French denial, however, is Japanese insistence that China, with traffic through Canton stopped, is utilizing French Indo-China as an arms route. In his address to the Japanese Diet on January 21, Foreign Minister Hachiro Arita, declared:

"As regards the reported conveyance of arms through French Indo-China and other territories, the Japanese government have from time to time called the attention of the government concerned to the matter; and when necessary, proper steps will be taken."

And the threat of "proper steps" by Japan is not new in this connection. Neither is Chinese resentment over French refusal to permit legitimate and open dealing in munitions through French Indo-China. Which leaves at least a small question mark.

"ARMS ROUTE"

What is this "arms route" involved in this dispute. Basically, it is the narrow-gauge railroad joining Haiphong with Kunming

VIRTUAL MONOPOLY

It is reported that a limited number of trucks are being permitted transport into China for "commercial purposes," and it is further reported that French-made trucks have been given a virtual monopoly in this direction, through imposition of a U.S. \$720 tax on non-French trucks by the Indo-China authorities. But this sort of thing, it is argued, comes under the simple heading of colonial preferences.

The say that the Chinese are resentful over this state of affairs is to put it mildly. After the free traffic in arms through Hong Kong the restrictions of this Indo-China route are irritating to the Chinese. And investigation, as far as it can be carried out, bears out the French denial that the route here is open. There may be a trickling of war supplies, but neutral observers of all sorts, including foreign military attaches, are of the opinion that there is no legitimate traffic in arms. French officials, from top to bottom, get highly excited in their denials.

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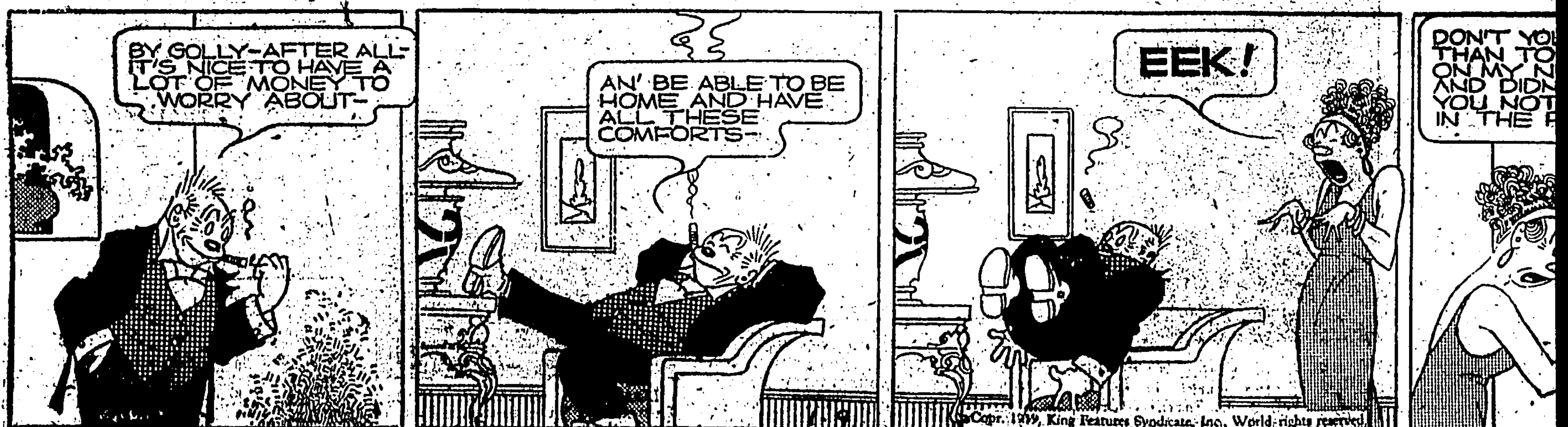
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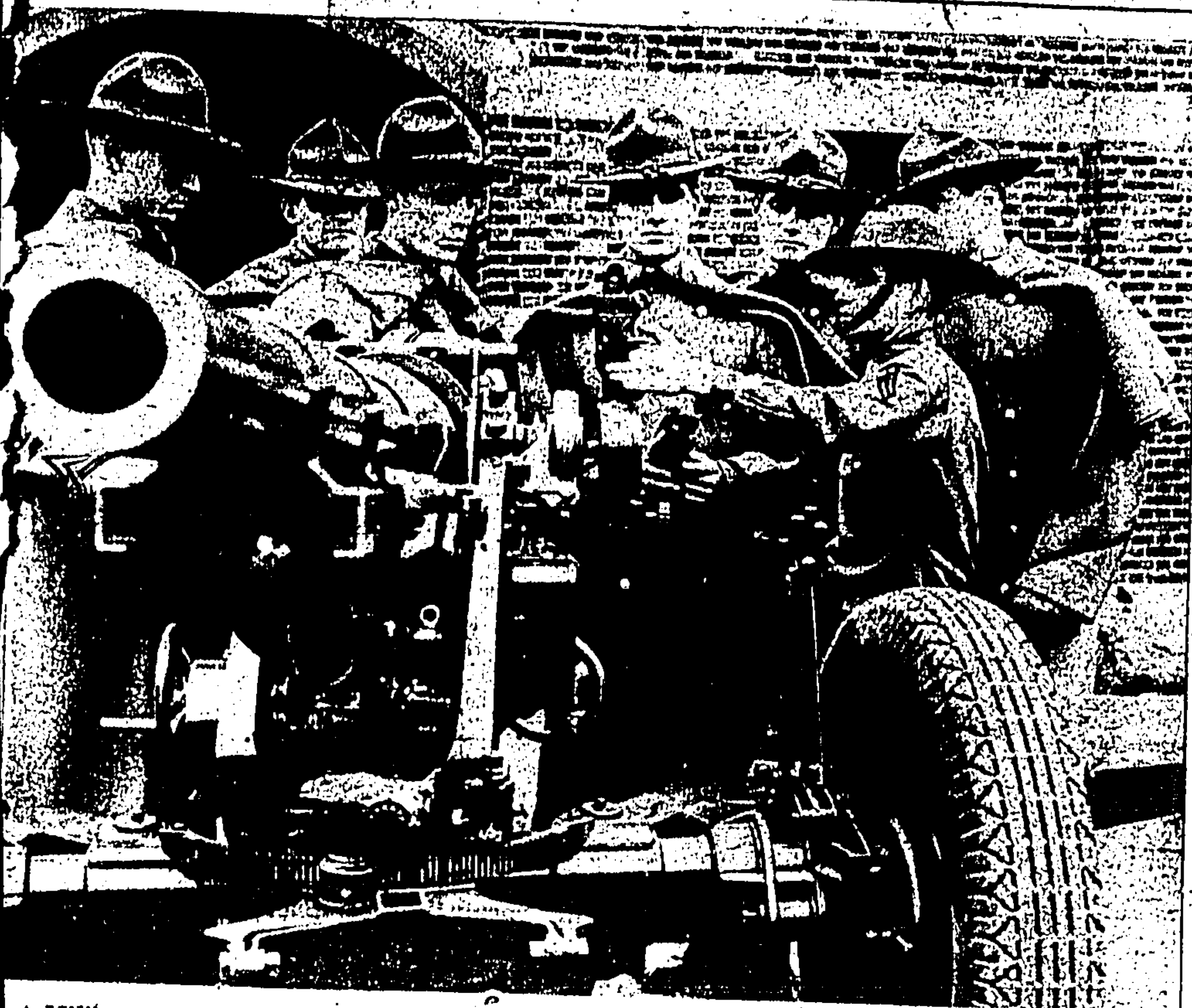
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crease in earnings indicates nothing as regards war supplies; that the increase is due to purely commercial traffic, aside from munitions.

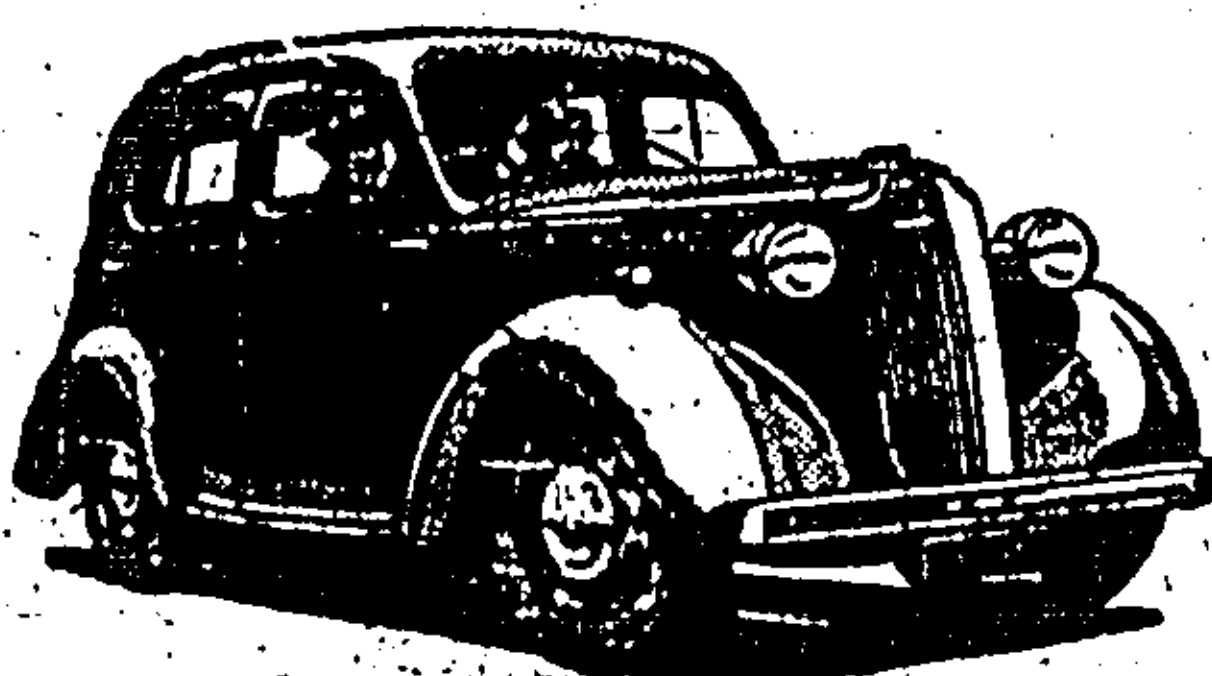
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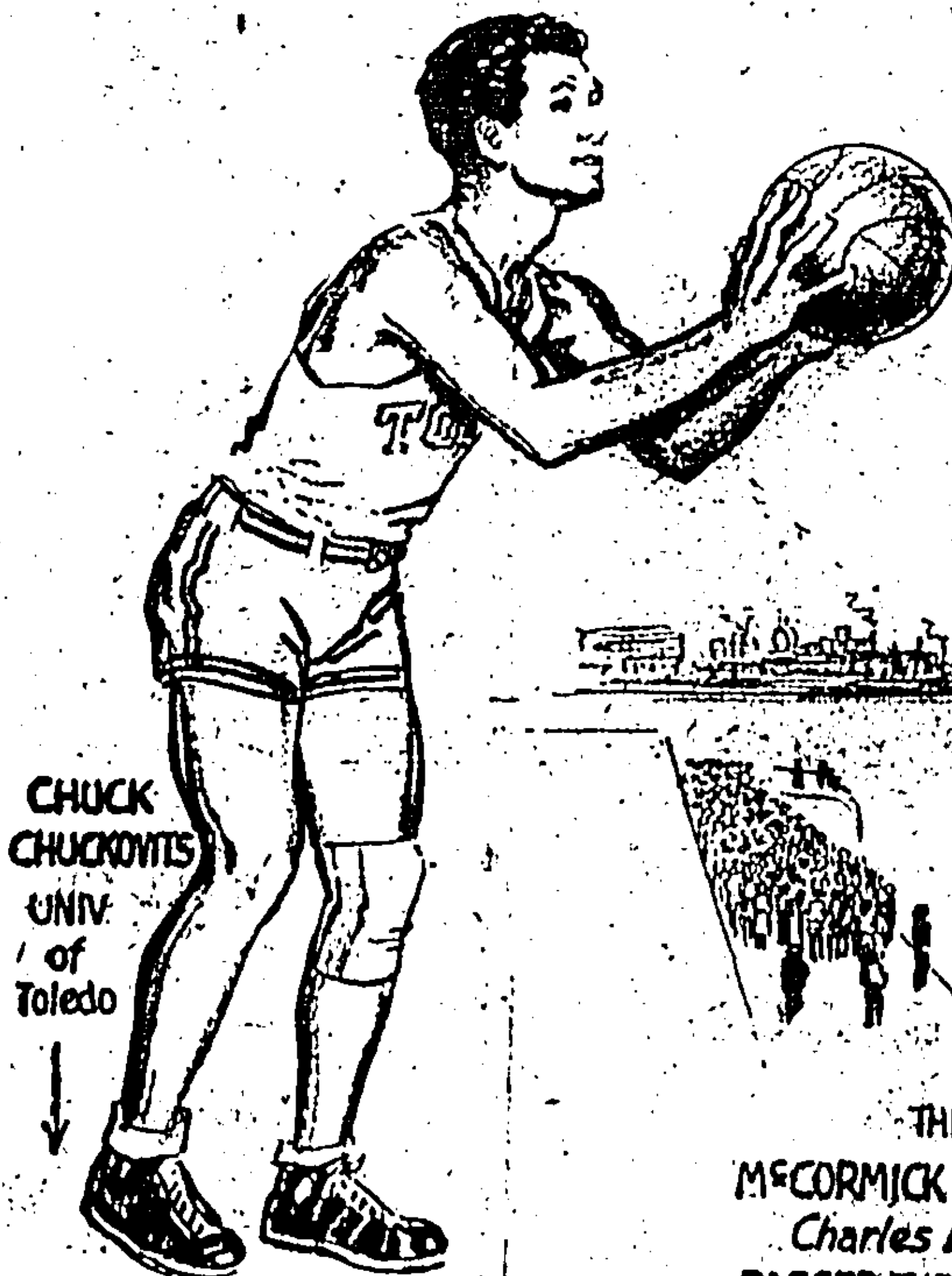
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Carryalls are they, through necessity. For our modern belle dare not sally forth on a gala evening without ample means at hand to retouch her perfect grooming as the hours wane.

Last year's small bag with its tiny shirred pocket is no longer adequate for the host of aids smart girls now like to carry. So the new creations ingeniously manage to hold all without sacrificing trim compactness.

One little treasure which boasts of two divisions has been very much favoured. The one side has powder in a leak proof container, rouge in a separate shut-tight niche, and a large mirror covers space for a good size lipstick, a change purse, comb and any other little helper you might wish to take with you.

On the other side, completely shut off so no tobacco grains can

mess up your make-up cosmetics, is a roomy compartment for cigarettes — holding enough to help out the boy-friend when his supply runs low! It closes into a miniature sachel-like affair which women seem to like to carry.

A softer version of bag has a flexible closing and a deeply shirred body, permitting a wide opening for hurried grabs at your cosmetics. Such a bag does not come equipped with make-up but its several pockets are so designed that you may tuck in your favourite vanity and cigarette case without causing a bulge.

Another one which teased my sophisticated fancy was a gay deceiver. It folded as innocently as a large brocaded envelop but when opened its three divisions formed a triple mirror which you could prop up anywhere and peek into as you would a dressing table mirror. It was fitted with a cigarette case and removable compact, each covered with the same lush material as the bag itself, and a cunning comb was tucked away in a large flat pocket which could hold your hanky, lipstick and small vial of perfume.



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Two Pinafores And A Tie-Around



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A Girl's Room With Lots Of Frills

By Elizabeth MacRae Boykin

The bedroom I'm now working on is north exposure and rather dreary. It's for my daughters who are almost young ladies. So I've chosen an exquisite wall paper with white fans on a soft pink ground. It's expensive, so I'm just using it on the longest wall—the other walls and the woodwork will be in pale shell pink, and I'd planned a wall-to-wall carpet in an ivory tone

broadloom. The curtains will be full white organdy with seven-inch ruffles of white organdy embroidered in blue polka dots—the swag valance will be dotted, too. The dressing table skirt will be made like the curtains and so will the flounce for the bench.

The bed was a good maple one originally but when the children were in their babyhood they scratched it unmercifully so, rather than discard it, I cut the posts off the top and the footboard off entirely then had screwed on a shaped plywood headboard and I've upholstered it in white quilted chintz and made a matching spread. This bed will have a canopy draped on the wall the same as the curtains. I shall keep the chair and ottoman in their present coverings—with quilted pink chintz embroidered in small pastel flowers. The slipper chair is a soft dusty pink satin with deeply tufted back and seat and a knife pleated ruffle.

FRENCH REPRODUCTIONS

Now would it be all right to introduce a bold flowered green chintz wing chair with pink to rose and white flowers. This would be against one of the plain walls? The dresser and odd tables are French reproductions painted white and antiqued. The lamps are white porcelain with pastel flowers and then there are two with crystal bases and embroidered polka dot shades.

Do you think there are too many ruffles and fluff in the room? Is the room too airy? Is it permissible to use organdy with French furniture? The girls love all sorts of frou-frou—the more ruffles the merrier as far as they're concerned. Should I have a mahogany table or two and introduce a mahogany desk? Is it not considered 'nice' to use artificial flowers? What about containers? Should the blinds be pink or white? Do you think glazed chintz suitable in such a dainty room or should I use dull sheen taffeta or morie?

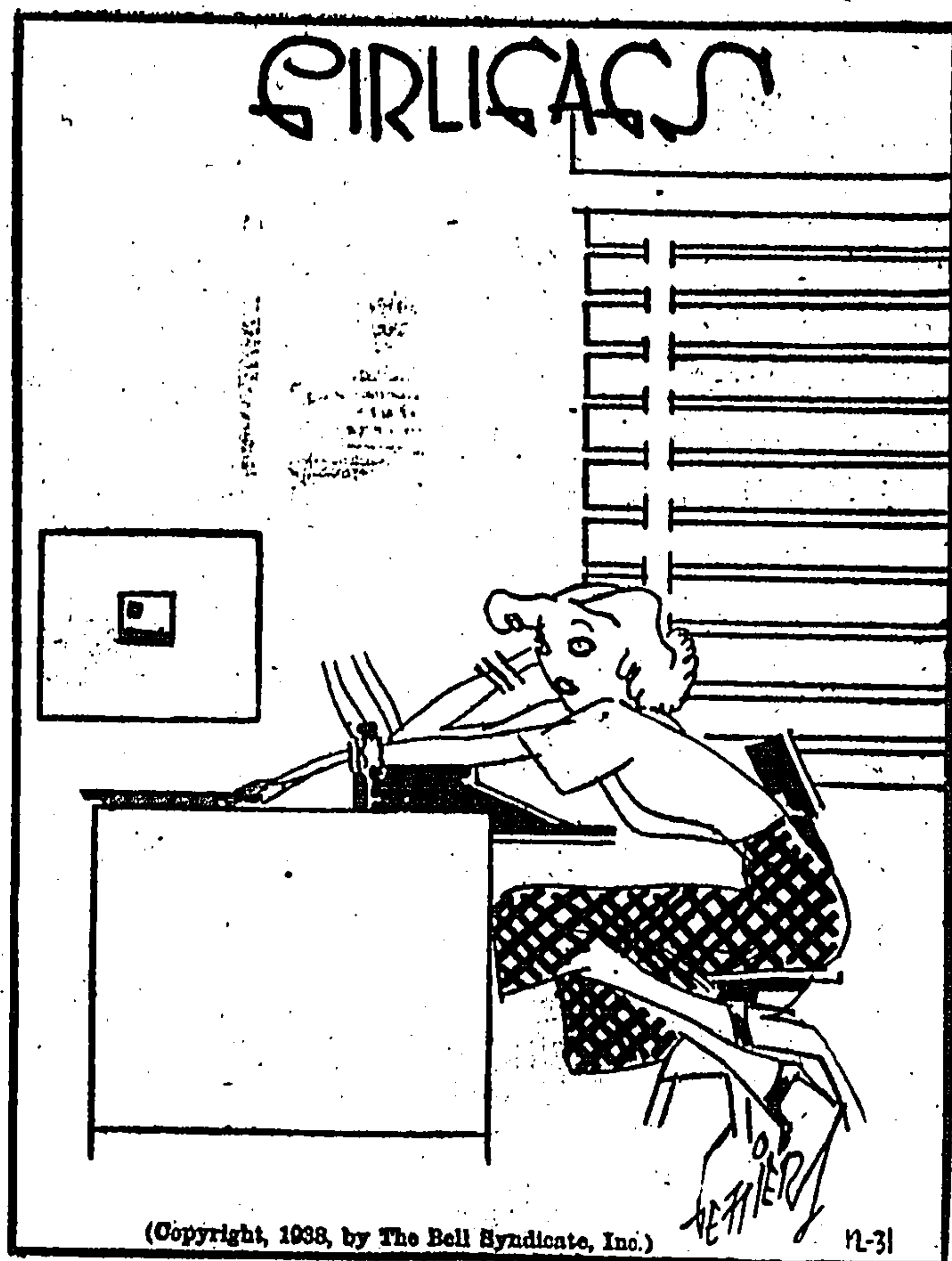
THE ANSWER

I think organdy would be perfectly all right to use with French furniture. Usually I prefer some softer fabric, such as celanese ninion or one of the rayon mulls. I'm a little dubious about the green chintz chair—it sounds too bold for the room, but if it looks all right to the eye, leave it there. The mahogany pieces might supply all the accent you need. Personally I'm not too set on artificial flowers, but they're used in very proper places and they do add freshness and gayety to a room. I'd like purple ones in this room, I think—in crystal vases. I think the pink blinds would be the thing. Glazed chintz goes in the best society, so I'd have it here by all means. I wouldn't mind a bit seeing a dash of mauve or magenty in that room for accent.

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We thank that famous lady, the Gibson girl, for the spool-waisted blouse-and-skirt fashion that is slated for greater popularity than ever this spring. It's not a surprising fact, because this is such a flattering style, with its blouse that really blouses, its full sleeves, tiny waist, and button-front, decidedly flaring skirt.

This blouse-with-skirt fashion is a practical one, also. It's smart right now with your fur jacket or long coat, and excellent for spring wear, with no coat at all. You can make it with a flat crepe or broadcloth skirt and chiffon or georgette blouse, if you want it to look rather dressy. And with a tweed or flannel skirt, and linen or flat crepe blouse, if you want it to look more tailored.



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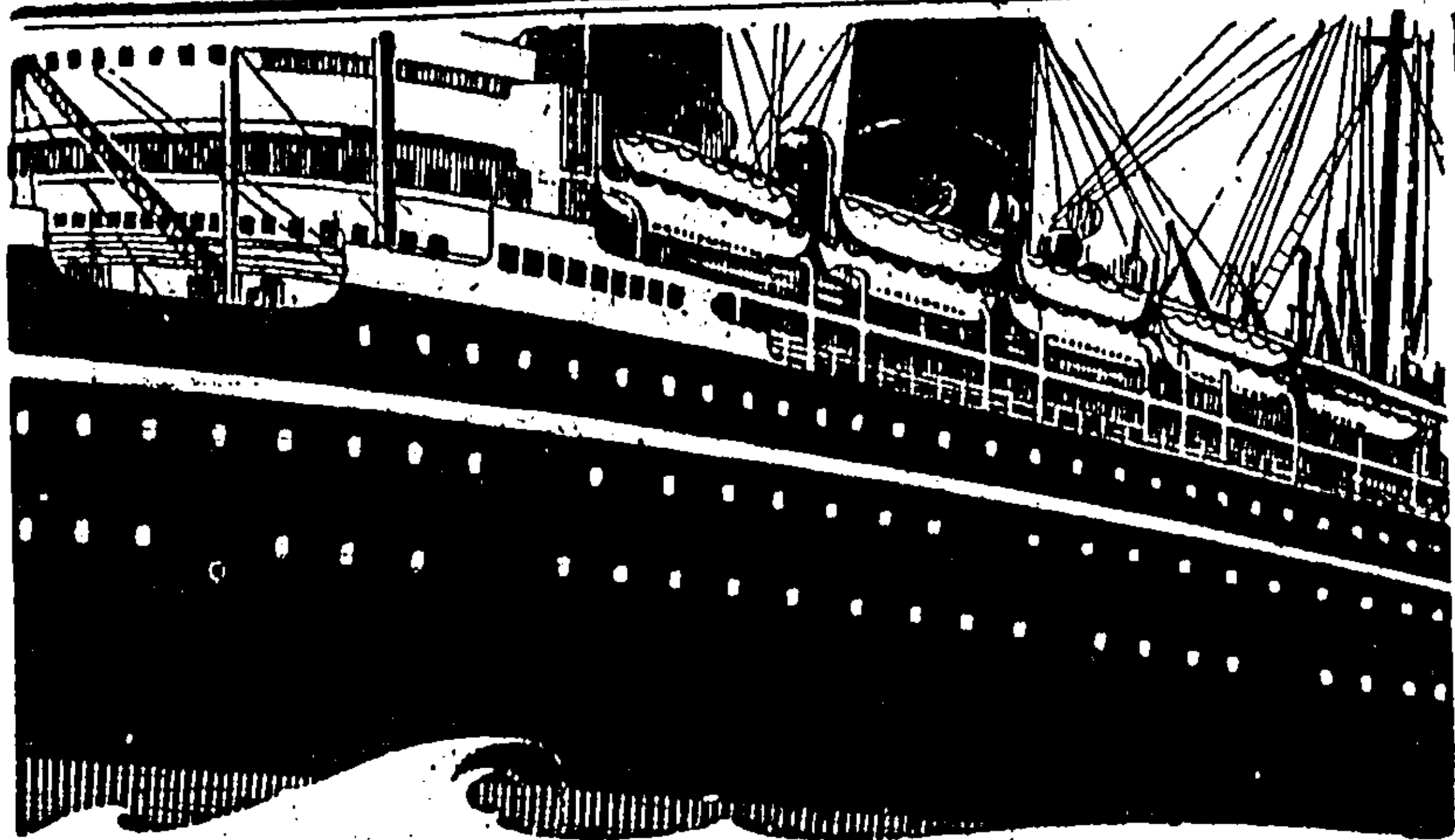
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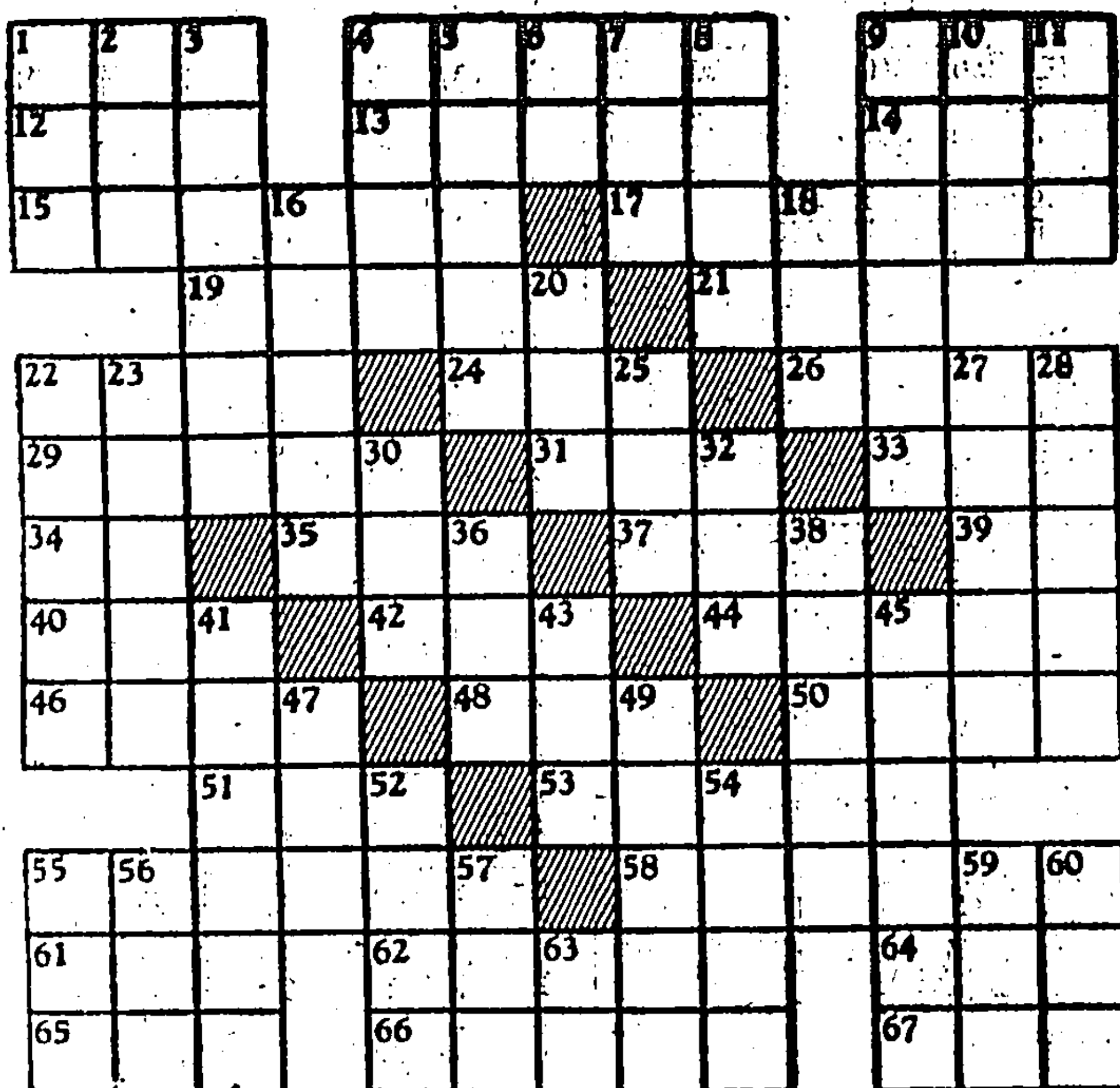


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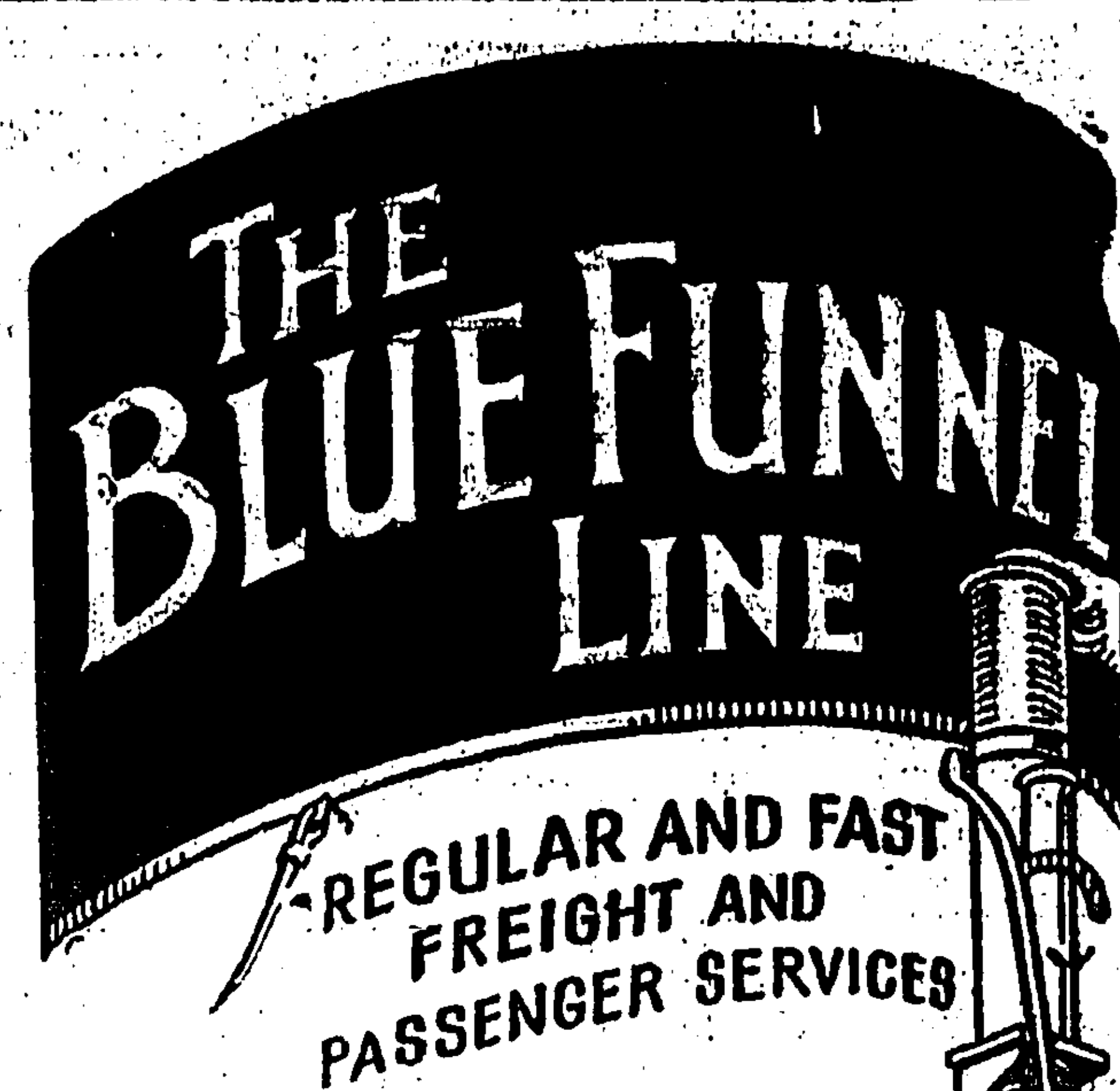
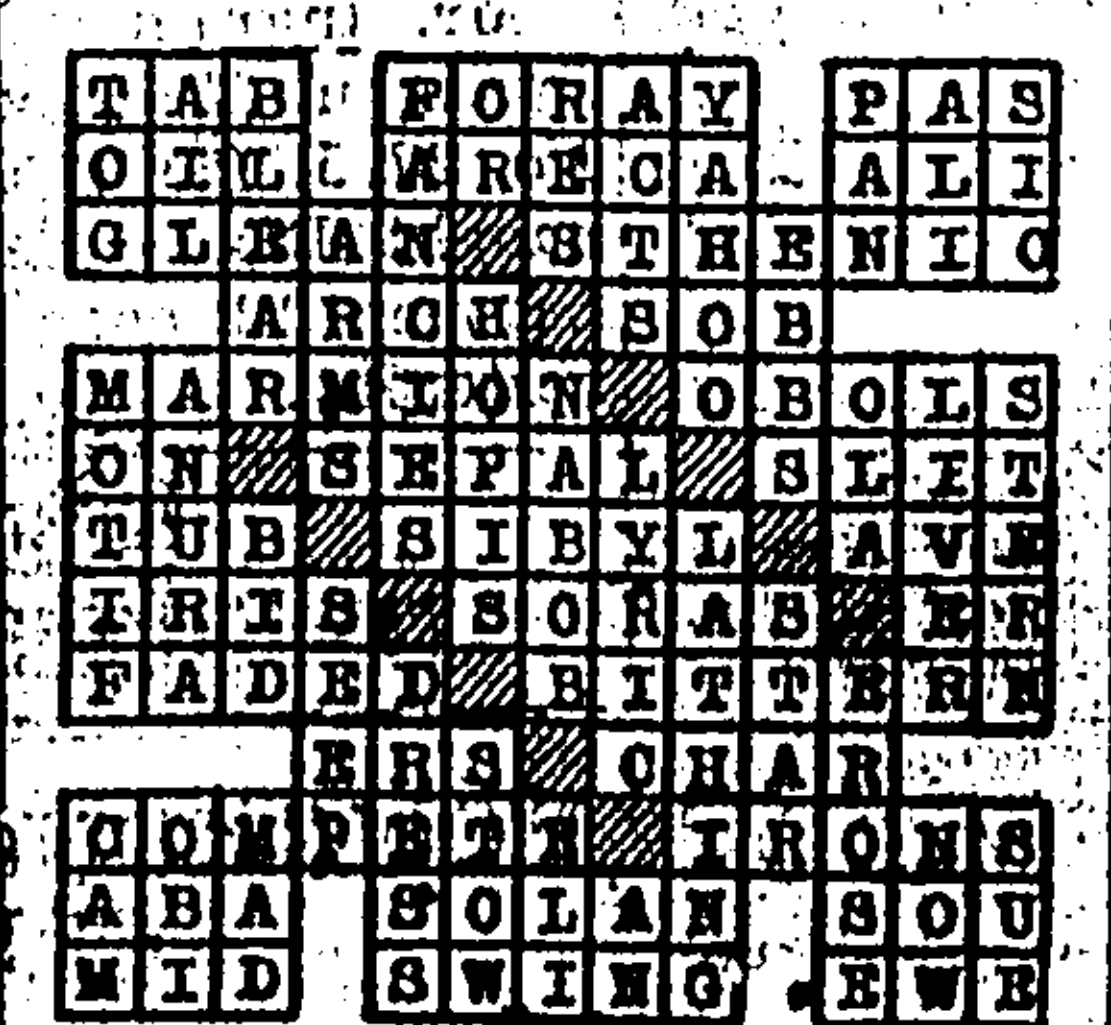
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- 1 Electrical unit
- 4 Dull
- 9 Large fly
- 12 Rural gathering
- 13 Eagle's nest
- 14 Respect
- 15 To persuade
- 17 Light talk
- 19 To anoint
- 21 Groove
- 22 Metal
- 24 Native
- 26 Stroke
- 28 Tricks
- 31 Incline to
- 33 Silk worm
- 34 Preposition
- 35 Quarrel
- 37 Opening
- 39 Exist
- 40 Modern
- 42 Humourist
- 44 To fade
- 46 Depicted
- 48 Pacifier
- 50 Vases
- 51 Swiss river
- 53 Weight
- 55 Supple
- 58 Seeds
- 61 Verbs

VERTICAL

- 1 Japanese bashi
- 2 Fowl
- 3 Discs of honour
- 4 Rate
- 5 Spools
- 6 Conjunction
- 7 To drink slowly
- 8 Period
- 9 Conflict
- 10 To be indebted
- 11 Music: three
- 16 Beneath
- 18 Vat
- 20 Dawn goddess
- 22 Sublime
- 23 External
- 25 To scold
- 27 A constellation
- 28 Small bundles
- 30 To plant
- 32 To run about
- 36 Poetic: to believe
- 38 To trim
- 41 Stout
- 43 Upper part
- 45 Ranks
- 47 Existed
- 49 Attitudes
- 52 Land measures
- 54 Heraldic bearing
- 55 To cut
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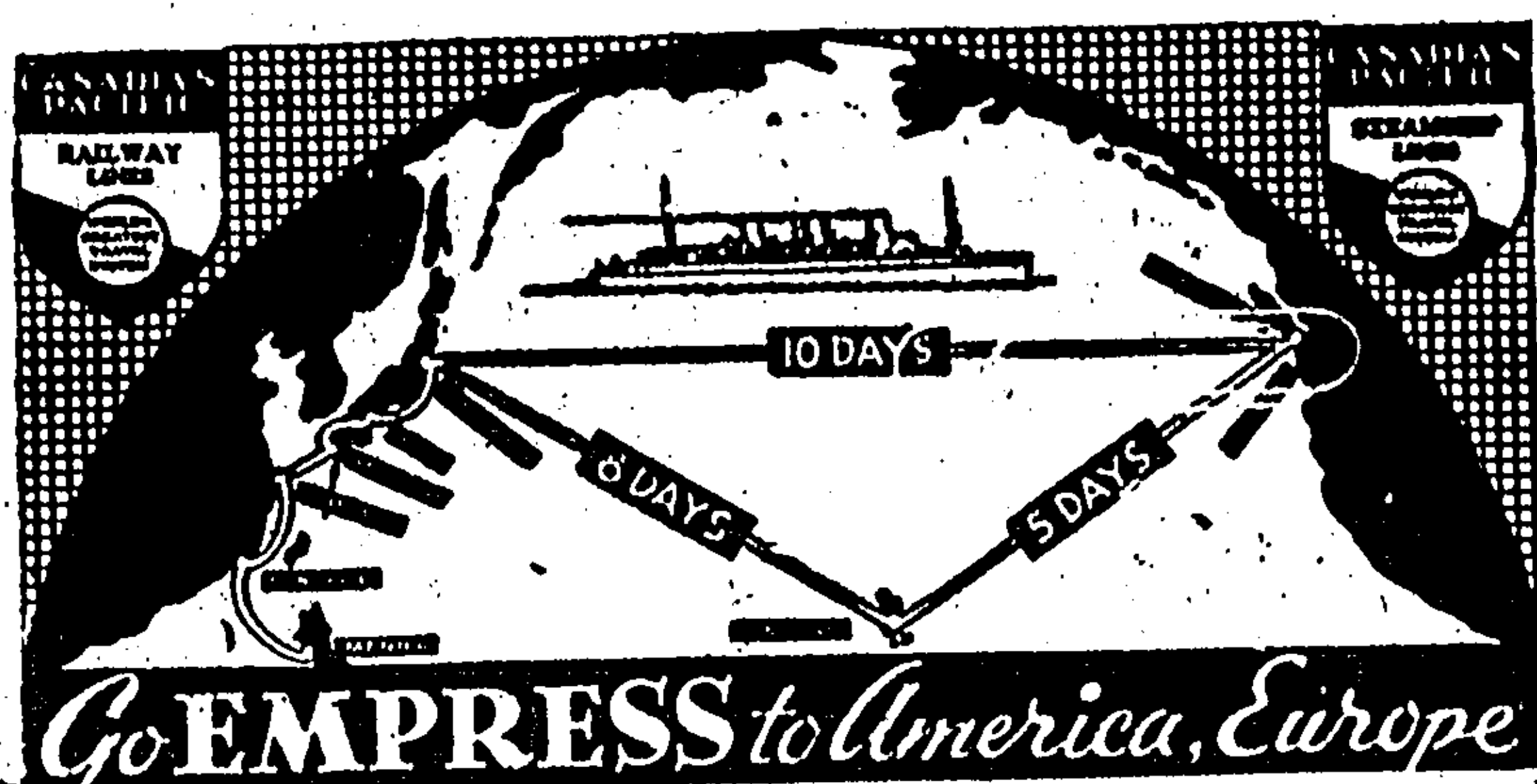
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Zakopane, To-day.

The world's ski championship for men over a downhill course of 3,600 metres was won by Helmut Lantschner, of Germany, in the time of 3 mins. 26 8-10 secs.

The women's downhill course was over 3,000 metres and the winner was Miss Cristel Cranz, also of Germany, whose time was 3 mins. 25 secs.—Reuter.

BADMINTON ENTRIES ARE ENCOURAGING

Up to noon to-day, entries for the Hong Kong badminton championships, which close this evening, were as follows: Men's: Singles senior, five; junior, nine; men's doubles, six; mixed doubles, six; ladies' doubles, five.

Last year there were a total of 12 entries in the men's singles (one event), 12 in the men's doubles, and 11 in the mixed doubles.

According to a resolution passed by the Council of the Badminton Association, unless the entries in the senior section of the men's singles number ten, the senior and junior events will be merged into one competition.

Those who have entered in the various events so far are:

MEN'S SINGLE (SENIOR)
P. K. Hui (holder), K. L. Yong, C. K. Lee and S. F. Hon (University), and M. A. Oliveira.

JUNIOR
A. L. Fisher, Peter Lo (Kowloon Tong), S. H. Boone (Chung Wah), E. S. Ho and J. S. Ho (Wanderers); D. Kwok (St. John's Cathedral), M. M. de Soares and C. N. Silva (Recreio) and D. M. Xavier (V.R.C.).

MEN'S DOUBLES
P. K. Hui and K. L. Yong (holders), P. S. Bun and M. S. Lim (University), D. Kwok and F. H. Kwok (St. John's Cathedral), M. A. Oliveira and L. A. Carvalho, C. N. Silva and A. M. Silva (Recreio), R. P. Bywater and North (S. and S. Home), and E. S. Ho and J. S. Ho (Wanderers).

MIXED DOUBLES
P. K. Hui and Miss U. Khoo (holders), K. L. Yong and Miss W. W. Cheung (University), L. A. Carvalho and Miss M. Ribeiro, M. A. Oliveira and Miss M. Silva (Recreio), A. L. Fisher and Mrs. Clark, and D. Kwok and Miss P. Wilson (St. John's Cathedral).

LADIES' DOUBLES
Miss U. Khoo and Miss W. Cheung (University), Miss R. Gonzalez and Mrs. N. Castro (Kowloon Tong), Miss O. Ribeiro and Miss A. C. Remedios, Miss M. M. Silva and Miss E. M. Silva, and Miss M. Ribeiro and Miss M. Xavier (Recreio).

ANIMAL LOVER WRITES

Sir,—I read a little poem a day or two ago on the theme, each of us could have been born someone else. It was written by a Chinese and aptly explained that no-one should be proud of rank or wealth acquired by birth.

But did it occur to anyone that we could have been born cockroach, snake, rat or poor fox. He who gave us breath and the power to live could have made of us a most repulsive animal. If we think that over, and conventions or pleasure still make us kill, let us do it quickly and mercifully.

What would we feel if trapped for hours in a cage, maybe injured, we were subjected, after a long agony of fear, to the most horrible way of slaughter. I have seen rats killed by a Sanitary coolie and shall never forget it. And fox-hunting, after an exhausting terror race with the strength of horses and hounds.

There is a law about Nature's revenge. Are not the calamities of the world, the long overdue account of animals to men?—That is what I ask myself.

AN ANIMAL LOVER.

RIOT SCENES IN BEIRUT

Beirut, Yesterday.

Demonstrations took place this morning against the introduction of civil marriage by the mandate authorities.

The demonstrators, among them many students and young intellectuals, threw stones at police trying to disperse the crowd.

A mass meeting of Ulemas in the Amayaden Mosque, as well as demonstrations in the main streets, took place this afternoon.—Trans-Ocean.

LOCAL SHARES

Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations this morning:—

BANKS

Hong Kong Bank \$1410 sa., c.d.

INSURANCES

China Underwriters 75 cts. s., 70 cts. sa.

DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, ETC.

H. K. and K. Wharves \$118 b.

H. K. Docks (Old) \$17.70 s.

MINING

Raub's \$8 b.

Antamoks Ps. 44½ sa.

Atoks Ps. 35 sa.

Baguio Gold Ps. 27 sa.

Benguet Consol. 13.90 sa.

Coco Grove Ps. 47 sa.

Consolidated Mines Ps. .003 sa.

Demonstrations Ps. .20 sa.

I. X. L. Ps. .64 sa.

San Mauricio Ps. 1.80 sa.

Suyoc Consol. Ps. 22 sa.

United Patocales Ps. .67 sa.

LANDS, HOTELS & BLDGS.

H. K. Lands \$36¼ sa.

H. K. Realities \$5½ sa.

Chinese Estates \$100 b.

PUBLIC UTILITIES

Yaumati Ferries (Old) \$22¼ b.

China Lights (Old) \$8.70 s.

China Lights (New) \$5½ b.

Sandakan Lights \$9.85 b.

Telephones (Old) \$22¼ b.

INDUSTRIALS

H. K. Ropes \$4 b.

STORES, &C.

Wing On (H.K.) \$38 b.

MISCELLANEOUS

Entertainments \$7 b.

Marsmans Inv. (H.K.) s/- 2/6 b.

Mr. Ingram, of the R. A. Mess, Lyeemun, has reported that his car, No. 2795, was stolen from the Connaught Road Central car park, between 12 noon and 10.40 p.m. yesterday.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB

TENNIS TOURNAMENT 1939

Entries close on SATURDAY, 18th February, 1939 at 6 p.m.

STORY OF WU-DOIHARA CONVERSATIONS

Chengchow, To-day.

Interesting revelations concerning the failure of the ace of Japanese political schemers, General Kenji Doihara, in efforts to persuade Wu Pei-fu, to become his chief puppet, are revealed in foreign despatches received here.

The so-called "Lawrence of Manchuria," the reports state, had three meetings with the Marshal, and each time found his eloquence unequal to Wu's determination not to be made a tool.

In the first interview, the reports reveal, Doihara asked General Wu to save the situation for Japan, but was met by the cryptic retort that if he (Wu) could not save himself how could he be expected to save others. Wu also said that the question was not who to save, but how to save.

The second meeting found Doihara asking Wu to mediate for peace. General Wu replied:—"If your Imperial Majesty and Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek both condescend to ask me, I shall certainly do my best."

At the last meeting, Doihara asked General Wu to "head an important post, and maintain the relations between the Chinese and Japanese peoples." He was met by the counter-proposal of the General that Japan withdraw her troops from China, including Manchuria.—Central News.

CHARGE AGAINST WATCHMAN

Said Hassan, private watchman at Nicholson Camp, was remanded on a charge of aiding and abetting in the theft of pine tree wood from Mount Nicholson.

It was alleged that two Indian guards stopped a Chinese carrying the wood, but defendant intervened and endeavoured to secure release of the man. One of the guards asserted that defendant followed them into Stubbs Road and tried to start a fight.

Said Hassan pleaded not guilty. Ha Ho, who was caught with the wood, was fined \$6 or three weeks.

How He Got Rid Of Boils.

A source of great inconvenience as well as being painful in the extreme, only those who are afflicted with boils know the misery they can cause.

Boils are the result of impure, thin, depleted blood and to effect a permanent cure treatment must be directed towards building up the blood in quality and quantity.

An Australian, Mr. I. Hemmings, Harden Road, Salisbury, Brisbane, tells how he found a splendid cure for boils in Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. "Owing to my blood becoming very poor I suffered much from painful boils. I always seemed tired and run down," states Mr. Hemmings. "After taking Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for a few weeks the boils completely disappeared and my skin has become clear and healthy. I feel like a new person, brighter and healthier, and have gained 20 lbs. in weight."

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are equally beneficial for other health troubles resulting from poor blood, such as digestive disorders, nerve weakness, loss of weight, rheumatic troubles, premature ageing, palpitation, emaciation, women's troubles. They are obtainable from chemists everywhere. But be sure to ask for Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and refuse substitutes.

NEW INFANTRY ORGANISATION

Fewer Machine Gun Battalions

An important scheme of infantry reorganisation is being carried through by the Army Council.

It affects, for the most part, the machine gun battalions which were formed under the scheme of reorganisation of two years ago, when 18 regiments of the infantry of the line were formed into machine gun regiments.

Under that scheme we had 28 machine gun battalions. That number is now to be reduced to eight, while the remaining 18 battalions revert to their organisation of two years ago.

The reorganisation of Christmas, 1935, brought about a revolution in organisation and training since it affected most branches of the service.

High Ratio of Bren Guns

The infantry brigade organisation under the 1935 scheme was three rifle battalions and one support (machine gun) battalion. At that time it was thought necessary to increase the proportion of supporting arms as compared with infantry.

It is assumed that the reason for so large a reduction of machine-gun regiments as is now being carried out is the high proportion of Bren light machine guns in the infantry battalions.

The following regiments of two battalions each are to remain as machine gun battalions:

Royal Northumberland Fusiliers.
Cheshire Regiment.
Manchester Regiment.
Middlesex Regiment.

The following battalions are to be converted from machine-gun battalions to infantry on Saturday:

2nd Bn. Royal Fusiliers.
2nd Bn. Royal Scots Fusiliers.
1st Bn. Royal Welch Fusiliers.
2nd Bn. Gloucestershire Regt.
1st Bn. Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders.

The 1st Bn. East Surrey Regiment will revert to infantry on returning from the Sudan towards the end of the week. The conversation of the 1st Bn. Royal Scots will take place on their return from Palestine about January 22.

Conversion Completed

The 2nd Bn. Royal Scots, now in China, will make the change from machine-gun unit to infantry at the discretion of the General Officer Commanding in China.

Conversion to infantry has been practically completed in the following battalions:

2nd Bn. East Surrey Regt.
2nd Bn. Devonshire Regt.
2nd Bn. West Yorkshire Regt.

This leaves the following seven battalions in India and other stations:

1st Bn. Royal Fusiliers.
1st Bn. Devonshire Regt.
1st Bn. West Yorkshire Regt.
1st Bn. Royal Scots Fusiliers.
1st Bn. Royal Welch Fusiliers.
1st Bn. Gloucestershire Regt.
2nd Bn. Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders.

These had been marked for machine-gun battalions, but on account of their being overseas the conversion did not take place.

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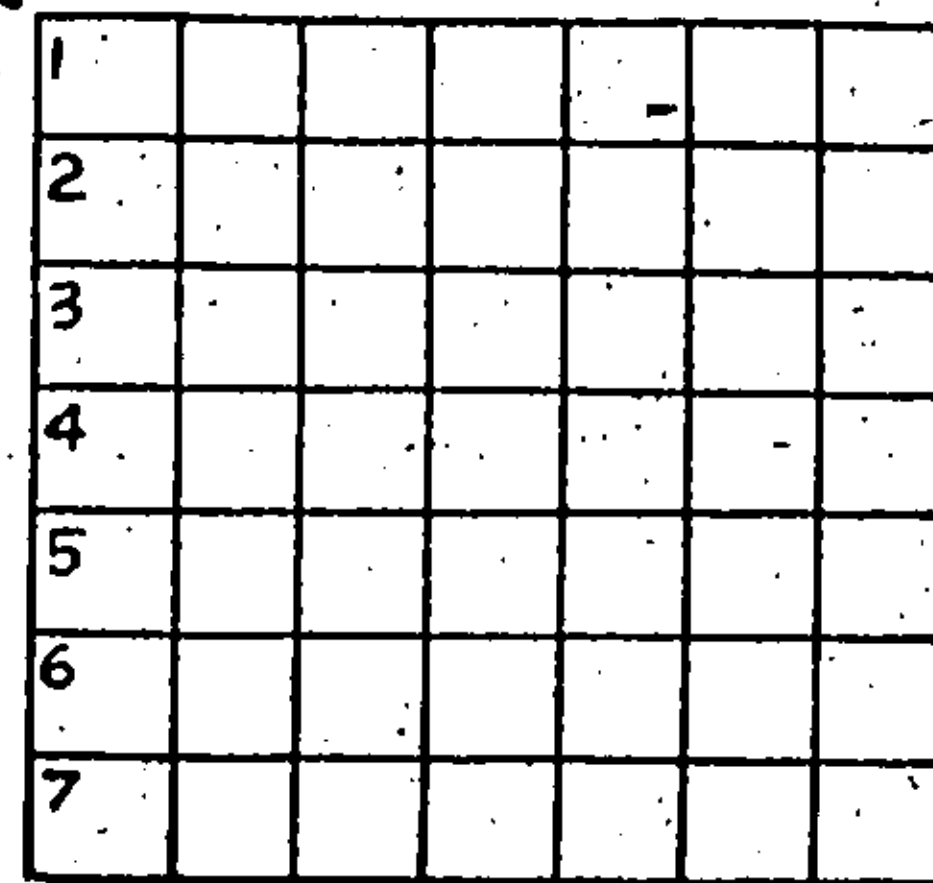
CHILDREN'S PUZZLE

BY PRINTING THE SEVEN
CORRECT SEVEN-LETTER
WORDS IN THE SQUARES

READING ACROSS, THE DIAGONAL
ROWS OF LETTERS READING DOWN-
WARD WILL SPELL TWO WORDS, (A)
A FISH AND (B) A CONSTELLATION.

HERE ARE THE DEFINITIONS OF
THE WORDS READING ACROSS:

1. MEMBERS OF THE JEWISH RACE; 2. A
MECHANICAL CONTRIVANCE; 3. TO STEAL;
4. ALMSGIVING; 5. RECOMPENSE; 6. AN
ARITHMETICAL TERM; 7. A HOLE.



A.W. NUGENT

Answer to Saturday's puzzle:

A C E
D E I C
E L D E R Y
N I A
O R E

Answer to-morrow.

BARCELONA OPENED

San Sebastian, Yesterday.

The port of Barcelona was re-opened to shipping yesterday. It will be used as a port of call for Italian trans-Atlantic liners.

Postal communications between Minorca and Barcelona have been re-established.—Trans-Ocean.

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R. A. CAMIDGE,

Manager.
Hong Kong, 1st. January, 1935.

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PHILIP GOCKEIN,
Chief Manager.

SHED A TEAR!

Chan Ping, 20, unemployed was bound over by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest on Saturday when he pleaded guilty to the stealing of onions from outside the Royal Engineers' cookhouse in Wellington Barracks.

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Police Eliminate St. Joseph's

MOSS DECIDES SENIOR SHIELD ENCOUNTER AFTER EXTRA TIME

A. V. GOSANO SHINES BUT LOSERS MISS BELTRAO'S SERVICES

(By "UBIQUE")

Police entered the Final Round of the Senior Shield competition when they defeated St. Joseph's by 4 goals to 3, after extra time, at Causeway Bay.

The Saints were without Beltrao and were early handicapped by an injury to Hussain and later to Alves.

The opening stages of the game were mostly in favour of the Saints and McHardy was called upon to deal with a hot drive from Leonard, but a breakaway by Police forwards enabled Fung Kwai-choi to score.

The Police half back line, with Brittain, as pivot, played a great game, while at back, Chan Kwong-yu was outstanding.

In the forward line it was the Chinese players that shone. Wong Man-kwai was a speedy right-wing-game, while at back, Chan Kwong-choi was always dangerous.

OPEN TO REPROACH

Howlett's methods were open to reproach and though he had the best of most tussles he met his match in A. V. Gosano, in the latter part of the game.

After the injury to Hussain, Saints were a disorganised side and even then they had several scoring opportunities. Hussain, who went to the wing, missed two good chances, while C. Marques was also at fault.

"A. V." SHINES

A. V. Gosano, at centre-half for the greater part of the game, worked like a Trojan. He was here there and everywhere. His first time clearances and placing were the main features of the game.

The Police scored through Fan Kwok-choi, but Gosano equalised with a header soon after and a few minutes later Alves netted after some neat inter-passing between Gomes and Leonard.

Moss, equalised from a penalty, in the second half, but Gomes placed the Saints in the lead again. A few minutes before full time Howlett again equalised.

Moss scored the winning goal in the last minute of extra time.

Royal Scots In Junior Shield Final

Royal Scots defeated P.W.D. by 7 goals to 2 in the Semi-Final Round of the Junior Shield on the Club ground yesterday.

Williamson scored five goals for the Scots and Bailey and Fraser the others. P.W.D.'s goals were netted by Li Kwok-chui and Ho Kar-keung.

CANADA WIN ICE-HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIP

Basle, To-day.

Canada retained the world ice-hockey championship by beating the United States 4-0 in the final. —Reuter.



Williams & Humberts

World - Famed

DRY SACK SHERRY

Makes a perfect appetiser

or

a perfect ending to any meal

CALDBECK'S

Comments by "Sticks" on yesterday's practice hockey match between the Colony XI and the Hong Kong Hockey Assn. Tournament XI will appear in to-morrow's editions of the "China Mail".

Very Small Dividends At Kwanti Meeting

Ebony Idol Wins Main Race

Poor dividends were paid at the February Meeting of the Fanling Hunt and Race Club which was held at Kwanti yesterday.

The going was very hard and the fields were small.

Pinfarthings paying \$13.90 for a win, touched the highest in dividends, though Heriot paid \$13.50 also for a win, and Good Morning \$12 for a place.

The Fanling Grand National and Pierce Grove Cup was won easily by Colonel H. B. L. Dowbiggins Ebony Idol ridden by Mr. Gilbertson.

Having his third ride in a steeplechase race Mr. G. Treverton won the Australia Grand National Steeplechase in the most astonishing fashion by a distance.

"THE FANLING GRAND NATIONAL AND PIERCE GROVE MEMORIAL CUP," 1½ miles.

H. B. L. Dowbiggins' Ebony Idol 168 lb. (R. N. Gilbertson) 1

M. H. T.'s Diogenes 168 lb. (R. L. Boddy) 2

M. F. L. Haymes' Zero 160 lb. (M. F. L. Haymes) 3

Won by many lengths; three quarters of a length.

Time:—4.11.

Pari-mutuel:—Winner \$8.40. Places \$5.90; \$6.80.

"THE FOX HUNTERS' PLATE,"—A hurdle race of 1¼ miles.

J. M. Smith's Pinfarthings (R. L. Boddy) 1

F. J. Nigel's Mortmain (W. E. Grieve) 2

Dobson's Clownier (E. F. P. Dobson) 3

Won by two lengths; five lengths.

Time:—2.52.3.

Pari-mutuel:—Winner \$13.90. Places \$7.10; \$6.50; \$8.40.

"THE AUSTRALIAN GRAND NATIONAL STEEPLCHASE,"—2 miles.

G. Treverton's Brutus, 168 lb. (G. Treverton) 1

W. E. Grieve's Teviotdale, 155 lb. (G. W. Hook) 2

H. C. Macnamara's Spark Plug, 157 lb. (R. L. Boddy) 3

Won by many lengths; two lengths.

Time:—4.07.4.

Pari-mutuel:—Winner \$8.60. Places \$6.10; \$5.60; \$7.60.

"THE QUEENSLAND HANDICAP,"—A flat race of 6 furlongs.

J. F. Macgregor's Strathcarrick, 152 lb. (C. L. Gregory) 1

Threesome's Cape York, 147 lb. (G. F. H. Churchill) 2

Ellandee's Rooify, 140 lb. (L. Lewis) 3

Won by three lengths; many lengths.

Time:—No time taken.

Pari-mutuel:—Winner \$7.00. Places \$5.10; \$5.40.

"THE KWANTI CUP,"—A handicap flat race of 1 mile for China Ponies.

Braes' Sylvandale, 161 lb. (A. W. Raymond) 1

Wai Man-wai's Good Morning, 140 lb. (C. F. Chiu) 2

Hoping's Flybynight, 151 lb. (P. T. Wei) 3

Won by four lengths; two lengths.

Time:—2.08.1.

Pari-mutuel:—Winner \$8.80. Places \$6.80; \$12.00.

"THE AU TAU HANDICAP,"—A flat race of 6 furlongs.

W. T. Stanton's Heriot, 168 lb. (A. W. Raymond) 1

C. S. W.'s Mac's Adventure, 168 lb. (P. T. Wei) 2

Mr. Chanol's National Dignity, 149 lb. (S. L. Yuen) 3

Won by four lengths; many lengths.

Time:—1.37.2.

Pari-mutuel:—Winner \$13.50. Places

Great Britain Win Second Tennis Test In S. Africa

Johannesburg, To-day.

Great Britain beat South Africa by 7 matches to 1 in their second Tennis Test match held here over the week-end.

Results were:

Miss Valerie Scott (G.B.) beat Miss Olive Craze 6-0, 6-2.

D. W. Butler (G.B.) beat N. Farquhardson 6-4, 2-6, 6-3.

R. A. Shays and Miss Jean Saunderson (G.B.) beat E. A. Fannin and Miss Margaret Morphey 9-7, 6-8, 6-1.

Miss Valerie Scott and Miss Jean Saunderson (G.B.) beat Miss Olive Craze and Miss Sheila Piercy 4-6, 6-2, 6-1.

—Reuter.

AMERICAN SHATTERS WORLD SWIMMING MARK

Annapolis, Maryland, To-day.

Dick Hough, of Princeton University, yesterday established a new world's record for the 200 metres breaststroke when he clocked 2 mins. 19 8-10 secs.

The previous record of 2 mins. 37 2-10 secs. was held by K. Kasley, also of America.—Reuter.

Interport Hockey Players Win

The Colony Interport hockey eleven beat the Hong Kong Hockey Association Tournament XI by three clear goals yesterday on the Club ground. Partaub Singh gave the Interporters the lead in the first half and Pyara Singh (2) completed their tally in the second half.

\$6.10; \$7.10; \$7.90.

"FEBRUARY CONSOLATION SCURRY,"—(Unofficial):—A flat race of ½ mile for Australian Ponies.

Threesome's Cape York (G. F. H. Churchill) 1

M. F. L. Haymes' Scarlett O'Hara (R. L. Boddy) 2

Major H. H. Oliver's Sea Urchin (T. W. Chattey) 3

Won by half a length; four lengths.

Time:—55.1.

Pari-mutuel:—Winner \$6.40. Places \$5.10; \$5.20.

HAVE YOU WON?

Race 1

No. 386 \$455.98

" 182 130.28

" 17 65.14

Unplaced ponies (\$25 each): No. 45.

Race 2

No. 488 \$475.10

" 977 135.84

" 1089 67.92

Unplaced ponies (\$25 each): Nos. 238, 269, 76, 294, 615, 795.

Race 3

No. 562 \$524.40

" 605 149.96

" 1169 74.98

Unplaced ponies (\$25 each): Nos. 639, 179, 1139, 924, 1102, 727.

Race 4

No. 826 \$662.89

" 6 189.28

" 1186 94.63

Unplaced ponies (\$25 each): No. 1139.

Race 5

No. 658 \$1086.56

" 636 396.16

" 1009 148.08

Unplaced ponies (\$25 each): Nos. 408, 292.

Race 6

No. 372 \$976.03

" 83 278.86

" 377 196.43

Unplaced ponies (\$25 each): Nos. 513, 385, 525.

Race 7

No. 728 \$1029.00

" 87 294.00

" 249 147.00

Unplaced ponies (\$25 each): No. 94.

Sporting Cricket At Kowloon C.C.

Two Big First-Wicket Partnerships

(By "ADREM")

KOWLOON CRICKET CLUB WON THEIR THIRD SUCCESSIVE LEAGUE MATCH ON SATURDAY, BUT NOT UNTIL THEY WERE GIVEN SEVERAL NASTY MOMENTS BY J. E. RICHARDSON AND W. H. COLLEDGE, THE CIVIL SERVICE OPENING BATSMEN.

This game gave the lie to those die-hards who consider that League cricket is played in far too "cut-throat" a manner to be really enjoyable. Their chief contention against the League is that it tends to submerge the real spirit of the game in a dour effort to secure three points or, if that be impossible, a single point for a draw.

On Saturday, a fine sporting spirit was evident throughout. K.C.C. batted for 110 minutes, declared and gave their opponents two hours to get 171 runs. Civil Service set about their task with gusto, and, even when wickets were toppling fast, they went for the runs rather than sit tight and make sure of a draw, as many teams might have done.

NEVER DULL

Only period in the match when the cricket was a trifle slow was when Teddy Fincher and Donald Anderson were engaged in breaking the spirit of the opposing bowlers. Even at this period it was never dull. The bowling was accurate and a well-placed field was hard to pierce. Loose balls were, however, dealt with as they deserved. Anderson scored chiefly with beautiful leg-glances and well-placed off drives and appeared quite likely to reach his 100 when he was given out l.b.w. to Whitley.

Latterly he had been scoring very fast and Fincher was quite content to snatch a fairly frequent single and let his partner hit the fours. When Anderson was dismissed with his score at 64, the total was 1 for 92.

Joined by Mackay, Fincher carried on placidly, but eventually, in attempting to late-cut Whitley, who was making quite a bit of pace off the wicket, he chopped one to first-slip, where McLellan made no mistake. Fincher's only mistake was a quick chance behind the wicket, but apart from that, he had never looked like getting out.

Mackay and Ernie Fincher flogged the tired bowling and, when the latter was yorked by Whitley, Burnett carried on the good work and the total was advanced rapidly to 171 when, with four wickets down, Goodwin applied the closure at 4 p.m.

BAKER CROCKED

It was unfortunate for Civil Service that Baker, playing in his second match since his return from leave, had a recurrence of a strain to his chest resultant upon a fractured arm whilst on leave, and after bowling very impressively for three overs was compelled to go off.

Perry was also suffering from an injury to his knee but that notwithstanding, bowled fairly steadily throughout. McLellan was too erratic in his length to be really effective, but when bowling round the wicket was most difficult to play owing to the fact that his arm was outside the screen.

Bowling honours of the innings must go to Norman Whitley. From

the pavilion he did not look difficult, but actually he was swinging away with an occasional break-back. His flight was most difficult to judge and nearly all the batsmen were troubled with his swinging yorker with which they rarely connected.

COLLEDGE'S GOOD FORTUNE

Colledge, who opened the Civil Service innings with Richardson, had an early life when he cocked a bumper from Goodwin straight up into the air. Mackay, behind the sticks, lost sight of the ball and had the mortification of seeing it drop right in front of him. Had this chance been taken, the chances are the whole complexion of the game would have been changed. Colledge went on to make 59 and, in the process, very nearly demoralised the K.C.C. attack.

He played a fine attacking innings not without blemish, but under the circumstances justified. In the early stages he was driving and hooking very crisply but later,



when for some reason he tried to steady down, he was far less convincing and actually gave more chances.

He completely dominated the scoring and only against Lloyd did he ever appear at all troubled. After several catches had been put down, I will not attempt to itemise them all, Reggie Broadbridge at short-leg brought off a miraculous catch with one hand when moving in the opposite direction, and Colledge was out for 59 the first wicket partnership realising 90 runs.

NOT DETERRED

Richardson was not deterred. There was heaps of time to get the runs and he was quite content to wait for the loose ball to punish. He could get nobody to stay with him, however. McLellan was bowled off his pads in attempting a big hit at a swinging full toss from Lee, Perry was run out in going for a risky second run and Arthur Lay, who followed, was unfortunate to be given out l.b.w. to a ball which appeared certain to clear the sticks.

When Richardson's invaluable innings was brought to a close—Robbie Lee ran about 20 yards to hold a brilliant catch in the country—there was never much more to it and although Hawkins looked comfortable he was eventually well caught by Baxter at square third-man and soon after, with Baker 14 not out, the innings was brought to a close with the score at 140 with some 30 minutes still left for play.

Wide Backstroke

By BEST BALL

Besides insuring a constant swinging arc which will keep the clubhead in an accurate groove and thus contact the ball correctly, the straight left arm is an aid in securing a wider back-stroke. The very mechanics which make a straight left arm possible in the backstroke set up a body turning motion that can be extended to provide a lengthy arc. For example the left hip turning to the

half way stage the wrists start uncocking, adding considerable momentum to the already fast descending clubhead. This added momentum means increased distance when the clubhead makes its impact with the ball.
Wednesday—Correct Backstroke Important

GRAPHIC GOLF



right initiates a movement which causes the right hip to revolve, due to the pressure of the left hand in taking the club back. With the body in this turning motion, it is possible to continue the turn until the clubhead is in a horizontal position at the top, the clubhead pointed to the right of the whole and the player's back presented to it.

From this position, the muscles of the midsection, hips and back fully coiled, it is possible to generate considerable power. Furthermore there is plenty of time to reach the climax of this power. The downstroke starts leisurely through a turn of the left hip to its original position, which reacts in a pulling down tendency of the left arms. Gaining momentum smoothly in this manner there is no desire to lurch or lunge into the ball. As the hands reach the

Goddard's Second "Hat-Trick"

Salisbury, Saturday.

Outstanding feature of the cricket match between M.C.C. Tourists and Rhodesia which commenced here today was Sam Goddard's "hat-trick" his second of the tour, when he helped dismiss the home team for 96 following England's first innings total of 180.

Goddard's analysis read 6 for 38. M.C.C. had lost two wickets for 174 runs at the close of play.—Reuter.

Volunteers' Cricket Win Over Police

The Volunteers beat the Police Recreation Club by 40 runs in a friendly cricket game at the Valley yesterday.

Volunteers:—187 (L. T. Ride 49, A. C. Beck 57, C. Pope 3 for 41, B. G. Baker 3 for 48).
Police 147:—(C. Pope 52, T. H. King 42, D. R. Fyffe 22, W. Stoker 4 for 30 and W. L. McKenzie 4 for 33).

Ewo's Cricket Win Over Taikoo

At the Kowloon Cricket Club, Ewo beat Taikoo by 27 runs in a friendly cricket game yesterday.

Ewo:—145 (D. I. Bosanquet 36, N. J. Booker 23, Finnes 9 for 51).
Taikoo:—118 (J. Cotesworth 40, G. K. Chadwick 28, D. O. Parsons 7 for 38, S. A. Tremlett 3 for 14).

LOYD IMPRESSIVE

Of the K.C.C. bowlers, Lloyd appeared to me the most impressive. He was always trying something and although a little erratic in his length, always appeared to be likely to take wickets. Anderson made good pace off the wicket and turned the ball both ways, but Lee still showed too much inclination to bowl at the sticks and never troubled either Richardson or Colledge.

Kowloon's remaining fixtures are against Club, I.R.C. and Recreio, the last two at home and they are in an excellent position to win the championship.

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Saturday's Home Football Results

London, Saturday.
The following are the results of
F. A. Cup and League matches
played to-day:—

F.A. CUP (FIFTH ROUND)

Newcastle	1	Preston	2
Portsmouth	2	West Ham	0
Wolves	4	Liverpool	1
Sunderland	1	Blackburn	1
Chelsea	1	Wednesday	1
Huddersfield	3	Walsall	0
Sheffield U.	0	Grimsby	0
Birmingham	2	Everton	2
Charlton	7	M'chester U.	1
Derby	1	Brentford	2
Leeds	0	Middlesbro'	1

FIRST DIVISION

Charlton	7	M'chester U.	1
Derby	1	Brentford	2
Leeds	0	Middlesbro'	1

SECOND DIVISION

Bradford	3	Bury	2
Burnley	1	Plymouth	0
Chesterfield	3	Tranmere	0
Coventry	1	West Brom.	1
Millwall	1	Fulham	1
Southampton	3	Norwich	1
Tottenham	0	Luton	1

THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH)

Aldershot	0	Notts C.	3
Bristol C.	0	Northampton	0
Cardiff	5	Bournemouth	0
Crystal P.	1	Newport	1
Ipswich	0	Brighton	0
Port Vale	0	Torquay	1

Queen's P.R.	2	Swindon	1
Reading	2	Bristol R.	0
Southend	2	Mansfield	0
Watford	1	Clapton	0

THIRD DIVISION (NORTH)

Accrington	3	Lincoln	4
Barnsley	5	Hull	1
Carlisle	3	Rotherham	1
Crewe	1	Doncaster	2
Darlington	1	Rochdale	2
Gateshead	5	Wrexham	1
Halifax	1	Chester	1
Hartlepool	3	York	2
New Brighton	2	Barrow	0
Oldham	2	Bradford C.	1
Stockport	3	Southport	1

SCOTTISH LEAGUE

FIRST DIVISION

Arbroath	4	Kilmarnock	1
Ayr	1	Hamilton	1
Celtic	3	Clyde	1
Falkirk	2	Queen O'S.	1
Hibernians	1	Albion	2
Motherwell	4	Hearts	2
Partick	2	Queen's Park	2
St. Johnstone	1	Aberdeen	0
St. Mirren	1	Raith	2
Third Lanark	1	Rangers	2

SECOND DIVISION

Airdrie	6	Dumbarton	1
Alloa	5	Forfar	1

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IRELAND'S Rugby Triumph

IMPRESSIONS OF LAST SATURDAY'S RUGBY INTERPORT STRUGGLE

(By "PUTI")

THE Interport Rugby match between Hong Kong and Malaya is all over and done with, but a few impressions of Saturday's struggle would not be out of place and we begin by stating that two players dominated the field—J. R. Henderson, Colony's scrum-half, and D. R. Harper, Malaya's full-back and captain.

Reports of Malaya's display of Tuesday last had whetted many appetites—or maybe the sun was bringing out the early spring hats—anyhow a large crowd rolled up. One might easily have imagined that the entire stand was crowded with "Singapore-fish" the way Malayan words were floating round. I tried hard to remember one word, but it was no use and the teams were already getting to grips—no, only getting going, the getting to grips part of it was kept for the second half.

The first 15 minutes passed in a dour struggle. The packs were mixing it in fine style and the backs were also mixing their play. Although Malaya were calling the tune forward, at this period, Hong Kong's backs were giving full support to their curly-haired scrum-half—such a little lad he seemed against those two hulking second-row brutes from Malaya; anyhow definite possibilities were taking shape.

As the game progressed, so did Henderson seem to fling the ball further and further away from the scrum, but always to Elliot, who, with plenty of room to move, was initiating some good movements.

Elliot initiated them and Henderson inspired them.

A penalty goal each way and half time was drawing near—already the boy was crossing the end of the field with the commentators' beer—when, what's this? A quick sling out by Henderson, Elliot up like a flash and escorted by a couple of Malaysians, was placing the home side in the lead.

Harper, in the meanwhile, was rivaling Henderson in catching the eye—clean fielding and invariable touch finding were contributing both to the brightness of the day and the staying powers of the forwards. But we were getting close to the interval and the commentators were licking their lips in anticipation!

Just as I was recalling that elusive Malayan word the second half got under way and right from the start Henderson was slinging out some grand passes to Elliot, while Willie Grieve and Askwith were entering into the spirit of it all. Some grand jinking and passing was being featured in the centre, and the Malayan centres were blotting their copy books on occasion. Grieve was seen in some inspired touches.

The score kept mounting up and Harper was trying gallantly to rally his men.

His positional play was excellent, his tackling good and his kicking superb.—But it was no use.

The fire of the Malayan forwards was gone and their backs were losing their sense of position, and it very much looked like a crushing defeat when Hong Kong began to slacken and down came the deficiency to a narrower, but more flattering margin.

Harper had spoken for himself. The remainder of the Malayan backs lacked lustre, though Simpson came away with an occasional spasm of brilliance. Among the forwards, those bulwarks of Malaya wrecked themselves on the slopes of Happy Valley and McHugh, a wing-forward, was possibly the best of the eight, being a really hard worker at all times.

SATURDAY'S HOME FOOTBALL RESULTS

(Continued from Page 24)

Brechin	2	Dundee	1
Cowdenbeath	4	East Stirling	0
Dundee U.	1	Edinburgh	3
East Fife	3	Dunfermline	7
King's Park	1	Leith	3
Morton	5	Stenhousemuir	8
St. Bernard's	2	Montrose	1

—Reuter.

In the Hong Kong side, Stevens had a good match, while the 'threes' all played well. Elliot improved tremendously on recent performances, but I have a sneaking suspicion that Henderson's service had a lot to do with it—the distance he threw that ball and the speed at which he did it, was amazing.

"Podge" Walkden kept his forwards well drilled and only a weakness on the part of the wing-forwards and an occasional slowness in coming round, marred as good a display as the Colony pack has given.

Taylor was in grand fettle all the afternoon and I can imagine that he can throw the caber as far as Henderson can throw the ball!

Malaya's only definite advantage was in talking in the scrum!

"Jake" Selby kept a watchful eye on the game and handled it admirably. There was no mistaking him for one of either side—that jersey looked like a touch of Myreside or the Peak Club on New Year's Eve!

And just as I got through, it all came back—that elusive Malayan word, "Boy—stengah!"

Ireland Retains Winning Fifteen

London, February 12.

The Irish Rugby team to play Scotland in the International tournament on February 25 is the same as the one which beat England on Saturday by 5-0. The team is:—

Murphy (Lansdowne); Moran (Clontarf); McKibben (Instonians); Torrens (Bohemians); Lyttle (Bedford); Cromey (Collegians); Morgan (Old Belvedere); Alexander (Royal Ulster Constabulary); Irwin (North of Ireland); Mayne; Malone; O'Loughlin (Marryowen); Ryan (University College, Dublin); Sayers (Almshurst Service); Teehan (University College, Cork); and Tierney (University College, Cork).—Reuter.

TENNIS ENTRIES CLOSE SATURDAY 6 P.M.

Entries for the Colony's Lawn Tennis Singles and Doubles Championships, to be held under the auspices of the Hong Kong Cricket Club will close on Saturday, February 18, at 6 p.m.

PARIS WIN INTER-CITY TENNIS MATCH

Dulwich, Saturday.

Paris beat London by 12 matches to 9 in their annual Inter-City tennis series which were held here to-day.

The most notable results were Jean Borotra, veteran French Davis Cup tennis player and one of the most popular players alive, beat John Olliff 6-3, 7-5, and also beat Nigel Sharp 6-2, 6-3.

Olliff beat Pierre Pelizza 6-3, while Pelizza and Weiss won a remarkable doubles match when they beat Nicholl and Shaffi 8-10, 8-10, 6-1, 6-1, 6-1.—Reuter.

SHANGHAI RUGBY TEAM LEAVES FOR COLONY

Shanghai, yesterday. — The Shanghai Interport Rugby team and reserves left here this morning for Hong Kong on board the Jardine Matheson steamer s.s. Tai Sang.—Reuter.

SHANGHAI SATISFIED WITH THEIR XV

Concerning the Coming Interport Rugby match between Shanghai and Hong Kong in the Colony during Chinese New Year, "The North China Daily News" writes:

After long deliberation the Selection Committee has chosen the following players to represent Shanghai in the forthcoming games in the Colony.

Full Back; W. H. B. Rigg.
Three-Quarters: P. J. A. Innes, A. G. White, I. F. Aucott, I. M. Hutchison.

Halves: G. M. Mills, R. Laird.
Forwards: W. D. Pearson, J. F. Burford, R. A. O. Mayne, R. P. J. Stewart, R. U. Reynolds, A. M. Kennedy (Captain), G. H. Reynolds and J. R. M. Warner.
Reserves: J. W. M. Martin and R. H. Roe.

The team as selected represents a very well-balanced side and if it is not quite as strong as previous Shanghai fifteens, there is no reason to believe that it will not do well in the Colony. The pack is more than useful and Hong Kong may find that it is up against a set of very determined forwards.

Spectators who watched the Club 1st XV—and it is almost the same side as the Shanghai team—will remember how magnificently the forwards played against the Combined Services at the Canidrome just over a month ago, and if the same form can be reproduced in the Colony, there is little doubt that the home team will be hard put to get its backs moving.

SHANGHAI'S TASK

Bidwell and Grieve, formerly of Shanghai, will be playing for Hong Kong as centre-three and whilst it is true that they present a distinct threat to Shanghai, they will not get as many opportunities to shine as in past years if the Shanghai pack can get down to hard work from the opening whistle and secure the ball as it is undoubtedly capable.

The local team is rather unlucky in that P. B. Tay and C. T. Crowe are, for business reasons, unable to make the journey South, but they are being replaced by men who know the game from A to Z and who can be relied upon to put up a dour fight.

It is trusted that the Shanghai outsiders will show more thrust and finish in their work. In recent weeks they have played well but general inertia in rounding out movements has cost them many points. That they have the ability to play good class rugby is not questioned, but unless they decide to put their best foot forward from the start, they might find themselves in several tight spots. White and Aucott, however, can be relied upon to give Grieve and Bidwell a hectic afternoon and it would come as no surprise to see Aucott, who has played some extremely fine games this season, get the better of the opposition in a duel that will be worth going a long way to see.

Aucott has suffered from injuries at various periods since last autumn, but on occasions has shown himself to be an inside-three who, on his day, can do devastating damage with his change of pace, swerving and dummy-kicking. May he be in form on the big day!

MAGNIFICENT TACKLING THROUGHOUT

Forwards Shine In All Phases

Twickenham, Saturday.

Sixty thousand yelling fans saw Ireland spring one of the biggest surprises of the present Rugby season, when they beat England by a goal (5 points) to nil, after a scoreless first half, in their 58th International classic on the Twickenham ground here to-day.

England enjoyed more of the first half, but Ireland provided the outstanding feature of the game with magnificent tackling and, during one hectic moment near the Irish line, the Referee was tackled and brought down heavily!

The Irish forwards were grand and held their own splendidly, not only in the loose and in the lineouts, but also in the set scrums.

Only Inches Away!

After a hot Irish attack, England pressed heavily, but Carr was floored only inches from the Irish line by Murphy. Teden then dropped over from a lineout, but the try was disallowed.

An example of the keenness of the Irish tackling is provided by the fact that although Marshall, Cooke, Guest and Walker all handled the ball, the English back division were only able to gain one yard!

Narrow Escapes

The English line had a couple of narrow escapes; once, from a lineout when O'Loughlin was nearly over and another effort was stopped by Freakes, the England full-back, when the latter was knocked out after stopping a furious foot-rush. He resumed after a few minutes.

Ireland were much the better of the two in the set scrums, but once they were penalised for a scrum infringement and Heaton nearly scored from a penalty kick.

The Irish tackling was great and relentless throughout, foiling all England's attempts to break away.

Irwin Outstanding

Ireland took the lead in the ninth minute of the second half when Sayers, following up a punt, fly-kicked ahead and though Freakes dropped on the ball, it was kicked from under him over the line where Irwin, who had been outstanding among the Irish forwards throughout, touched down for a try, which McKibben converted with a beautiful kick.

Ireland's forwards constantly harried England's backs, with terrier like tactics and England rarely crossed the halfway mark. Guest and Watkins once caused trouble, but Ireland were on top during this second period.

Last Win In 1931

The last occasion on which Ireland won at Twickenham was in 1931 when they won by a penalty goal and a try (6 points) to a goal (5 points).

Last season England severely trounced Ireland at Dublin when they won by six goals, a penalty goal and a try (36 points) to a goal and three tries (14 points).—Reuter.

"That Music Reminds Me:" Studio Item

12.00-12.20 p.m.—Relay of Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.

12.30 p.m.—Charles Kullman (Tenor) and New Light Symphony Orchestra.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.02 p.m.—Greta Keller (Vocal) and Primo Scala's Accordion Band.

1.30 p.m.—Renter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.40 p.m.—Mendelssohn—Symphony No. 4 ("Italian") in A Major. Sir Hamilton Harty conducting The Halle Orchestra.

2.15 p.m.—Close Down.

6.00 p.m.—For The Children. Nursery Rhymes. Uncle George's Party (Vocal). Singing Games For Children: Broken Bridges Falling Down (Traditional). When I Was A Lady (Traditional). Chalmers Wood's Orchestra with Vocal Refrain. Studio—Serial Story. Little Drummer Boy. (Noel and Pelosi). Elsie Carlisle (Vocal) with Orchestra.

Here Comes The Sandman (film "Mr. Dodd Takes the Air"). Elsie Carlisle (Vocal) with Orchestra.

Today's Wireless

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6.30 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations.

6.32 p.m.—Sea Shanties. Blow The Man Down; Tom's Gone To Hilo (arr. Terry). Lowlands; Highland Laddie (arr. Taylor Harris). John Goss (Baritone) and The Cathedral Male Voice Quartet with Piano. Who Sails With Drake (Candish). A Wet Sheet And A Flowing Sea (Lloyd). Royal Naval Singers. Portsmouth Conducted by C. T. Lee, R. N.

6.45 p.m.—Sir Edward German—Three Dances From Nell Gwyn. Bournemouth Municipal Orchestra conducted by Sir Dan Godfrey.

6.55 p.m.—A Variety Programme with Elsie and Doris Waters, Renara, Max Miller, Stan Holloway and The Ballyhooligans. Piano—Gershwin Medley. Renara. Humorous Monologue—The Lion And Albert (Edgar). Stanley Holloway with Wolseley Charles at the Piano.

Dance Orch.—The Ballyhooligans Make Whoopee—Medley Fox-Trot.

The Ballyhooligans. Comedienne—Huntin' (Ellis and E. and D. Waters). Gert And Daisy And The Tandem (E. and D. Waters). Elsie and Doris Waters with Orchestra.

Dance Orch.—Favourite Favourites, No. 3—Fox-Trot Medley. The Ballyhooligans. Comedian—Just Another Sally (Carlton). Max Miller with Orchestra. Piano—I Was Lucky (film "The Man from Folies Bergere"). Rhythm Of The Rain, Intro: "Valentine" (film "The Man from Folies Bergere"). Renara.

Dance Orch.—Favourite Favourites No. 2—Fox-Trot Medley. The Ballyhooligans. Talking and Singing—Max Miller In The Theatre (Recorded during an Actual Performance at the Holborn Empire, London). Max Miller with Guitar & Orch.

8 p.m.—Local Time Signal. Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—Violin Solos. Grinning (Benatzky); Remembrance (Mario Melfi). Albert Sandler assisted by Jack Byfield (Piano) & Reginald Kilbey (Cello). Extase—Reverie (Ganne); O Sole Mio (Di Capua). Albert Sandler assisted by J. Samehtini (Cello) & J. Byfield (Piano).

8.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Books"—3. A weekly series of talks by The Right Hon. The Earl Of Lytton, K.G., G.C.S.I., G.C.I.E.

8.30 p.m.—Songs by Stuart Robertson (Baritone). Dolores (film "Millions"); That Song In My Heart (film "The Gang").

London Relay Of "In Town To-night"

Show). with Orchestra and Male Chorus. Watching The Stars (film "Splinters in the Air"). with Orchestra & Male Quartet.

8.40 p.m.—Studio—"That Music Reminds Me"—2.

9.15 p.m.—Orchestral Selections. Academic Festival Overture, Op. 80 (Brahms). Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra cond. by Bruno Walter. Legende (Dvorak—Op. 69, No. 3). Sir Thomas Beecham conducting the London Philharmonic Orch.

9.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

9.50 p.m.—Moreton and Kaye on Two Pianos. Dinah; After You've Gone; Nobody's Sweet; St. Louis Blues; Some Of These Days. with drums by Joe Daniels. Tin Pan Alley Medley—No. 4. with string bass and drums.

10 p.m.—London Relay—"In Town To-night". Introducing personalities from every walk of life in interviews with Lionel Gamlin, flashes from the news of the week, and "Standing on the Corner" (Michael Standing interviews the "Man in the Street"). Edited and produced by C. F. Meehan.

10.30 p.m.—Dance Music. Fox-Trots—Old Man Moon (film "Topper"); Foolin' Myself. Harry Roy & His Orchestra with Vocal Refrain. Tangos—Fireflowers; Fortuna. Robert Renard Dance Orchestra. Fox-Trots—Your Broadway And My Broadway (film "Broadway Melody of 1938"); Yours And Mine (film "Broadway Melody of 1938"). Harry Roy & His Orchestra with Vocal Refrain. Quickstep—Avalon; Slow Fox-Trot—Ain't Misbehavin'. Joe Daniels and His Hot Shots in "Drumsticks". Fox-Trots—When You Gotta Sing, You Gotta Sing (film "Gangway"); Lord And Lady Whoozis (film "Gangway"). Jack Hylton & His Orchestra with Vocal Refrain.

11 p.m.—Close down.



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Jacoby	Maier	Burnstine	You
1♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	Dbl.	Pass	Pass
Pass			

What was your lead, holding:

♠ J x x x x
♥ 10 x
♦ J 10 x x
♣ x x

ANSWER: The correct lead is the heart ten. When neither you nor your partner have bid any suit, the double of a three-notrump contract by the player not on lead is a conventional lead-directing double that requests the first suit bid by dummy (hearts). Score, 100% for the heart ten, 60% for a spade, 30% for a diamond, 0 for a club.

QUESTION NO. 22

Both sides are vulnerable. David Burnstine is your partner. The bidding:

Schenken	Burnstine	Maier	You
1♥	1♠	INT	Pass
2NT	Dbl.	Pass	Pass
Pass			

You hold:

♠ 8 4
♥ J 10 8 x
♦ Q J 10 x x
♣ x x

What do you lead? (Answer to-morrow).

TO-DAY'S HAND

North, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable

♠ A K 10
♥ A Q 10 8 3
♦ Q 2
♣ Q 10 5

♠ J 9 8 5
♥ 9 8 7 4
♦ 8 4 3 2
♣ 7 6 5 3 2

W N E S
W S

♠ K J 10 8
♥ A 9 7

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

The enormous significance of one card enabled South to make a contract that would have eluded most players. A club was opened. Dummy played low and East's Jack forced the Ace. As West's Spade Jack fell on the first lead of trumps, Declarer pondered long and earnestly. If, he reasoned, West held Queen-Jack of spades blank, the contract was in fine shape. On the other hand, if the Jack were actually a singleton, it appeared that two trump tricks must be lost. However, the loss of two trump tricks might still be avoided.

The Ace of hearts was cashed and a small heart ruffed. A diamond to dummy's Queen was won by East's Ace. East cashed the king of clubs, then returned a diamond. A club was played to dummy's Queen and another heart ruffed. Declarer still held two top diamonds, and he now played them, discarding the two remaining hearts from dummy. East trumped the last diamond, but then had to lead a spade up to dummy's tenace.

Declarer had made his contract by a very well executed end-play in trumps. (Copyright, 1938, By The Four Aces)

What's On At the Cinemas

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The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, the 17th February, 1939, to FRIDAY, the 24th February, 1939, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

C. M. MANNERS,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 30th January, 1939.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Shareholders in this Corporation will be held at the Head Office of the Corporation, No. 1, Queen's Road, Central, Hong Kong, on SATURDAY, the 25th February, 1939, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1938.

The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be closed from MONDAY, the 13th February to SATURDAY, the 25th February, 1939, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

V. M. GRAYBURN,
Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 6th February, 1939.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Registered Offices of the Company, Exchange Building, 14 Des Voeux Road, Central, Hong Kong, on TUESDAY, the 7th day of March, 1939, at 12.15 o'clock in the afternoon or so soon thereafter as the Annual General Meeting of the Company convened for that day shall have terminated, for the purpose of considering, and if thought fit, passing a resolution as a special resolution altering in certain respects the Articles of Association of the Company.

Full particulars of such proposed alterations have been sent out to shareholders by post. A copy of the proposed special resolution giving details can be inspected at any time during business hours at the Registered Office of the Company.

By Order of the Board,

W. L. MCKENZIE,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 7th February, 1939.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

Tuesday, the 14th. February, 1939, commencing at 5.15 p.m. at their Sales Room, No. 2, Connaught Road, Central. (Room No. 205, 2nd. Floor)

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Hong Kong, 7th. February, 1939.

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JAPANESE KULING ATTACK POSTPONED

It is announced by the local Naval Authorities that the Japanese have postponed their attack on Kuling till February 20, in order to enable foreign residents to make preparations for evacuation.

In the absence of official confirmation from General Wong, foreigners wishing to evacuate through the Chinese lines will have to make their own arrangements, but those wishing to pass through the Japanese lines, must first of all communicate with the British or American naval authorities at Kuikiang.

NEUSEL AND DI LEO FIGHT DRAW

Dortmund, To-day.

The bout between Walter Neusel, German heavyweight champion, and Santa di Leo, Italian heavyweight champion, ended with no decision after twelve rounds in the Dortmund stadium, Westfalen Halle, yesterday.

The rather dull fight became exciting only in the 5th round when Neusel pressed hard on the Italian, who had carefully been avoiding an exchange of blows with the German, but who managed to save himself through the round. After that the fight became even. — Trans-Ocean.

COURT-MARTIAL HEARING

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to look at Captain Northcote, who moved, and he thought Captain Northcote was going to strike him, so he lashed out and struck Captain Northcote. The B.S.M. attempted to grasp witness but slipped. The Captain exchanged blows but did not hit witness on the face. The Captain went back and as he did so, fell on the adjoining bed.

"DID NOT STRUGGLE"

Witness also slipped and there was further hitting. He then came to his senses, stood up at the side of the bed and permitted two gunners to hold him. He did not struggle. The B.S.M. caught hold of him by the right arm. He thought it was the intention of the Sergeant-Major to march him to the guard-room, so he said: "Take it easy, I'll walk quietly." While he was saying this, Captain Northcote struck him.

Questioned by Mr. Hugh Jones, witness said he was actually being held by the two Gunners. His arms were at full length, hanging down. No order was given for his arrest. He was not in a threatening attitude. He was looking at the Sergeant Major.

CLENCHED FISTS DENIED

Cross-examined by Mr. Armstrong, witness said he did not see where the Captain came from. He was held by the Sergeant Major. He denied that his fists were clenched.

The evidence of Gunner Coggrave was then taken. He stated

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that he was five beds away from Whitehead. The S. M. shouted and he ran up. He tried to separate Whitehead and Capt. Northcote but at first did not succeed. After blows had been struck he managed to calm Whitehead and hold him back. While Whitehead was being held, Captain Northcote hit him in the mouth.

CAPTAIN'S STORY

Captain Northcote, giving evidence, said that when he was first struck by Whitehead, the Sergeant Major attempted to hold the man but slipped. Whitehead freed his arms and struck witness on the face and nose. In trying to avoid further blows, he fell on the next bed. Somehow Whitehead slipped and fell into his lap. After a while he stopped struggling and witness released a hold he had round his head. Witness thought Whitehead had come to his senses and did not wish to aggravate the incident further. Whitehead, however, assumed a threatening attitude. Witness was watching him closely, saw an opening and took the opportunity. Whitehead then walked to the centre of the room.

Captain Northcote said he was certain that he would have been hit again by Whitehead, who was not being held by anybody.

Whitehead's demeanour and attitude gave him to believe that he would have again attacked.

The case is proceeding.

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